

**TOWN OF MEXICO
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MAY 15th, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:00 P.M.
CALVIN P LYONS HALL
MINUTES**

Present: Richard Philbrick-Chairman, Clifford Stewart-Vice-Chair, Thomas T.J. Williams, Reginald Arsenault, Jr., A. Byron Ouellette

Others: Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Roy Hodsdon-Police Chief, Nicholas Young-new Police Reserve Officer, Wayne Sevigny-Recreation Director, Justeen LaPointe-Recreation employee, Kelsey Bevins channel 7, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times, Sheryl Briggs-Bicentennial Committee President, Marilla Couch-Bicentennial Committee Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Public hearing

Time in 6:02 P.M.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Clifford Stewart to go into public hearing to discuss the articles on the ballot for the upcoming election being held on June 12, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Time out 6:20 P.M.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to come out of public hearing from discussing the articles on the ballot for the upcoming election being held on June 12, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

A. Byron Ouellette explained to the audience that only 1/3 of the budget has increased the other 2/3 is lower than last year. Health and Welfare, Public Works, and Recreation Department budgets are all lower than last year. Solid Waste is up by 1%, the Mexico Library is up by 4.8%. So overall the increase is very small.

MINUTES

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the regular board of selectmen minutes dated May 1, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

WARRANTS

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the warrants dated May 8th, and 15th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

TABLED ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recreation board

The Mexico Recreation Department is having a hard time getting members to join their board as a lot of the citizens interested are from surrounding towns. It was decided to set a public hearing for June 5th, 2018 to see if Mexico residents would like to dissolve the board and instead form a committee which would allow residents from other communities the chance to become committee

members, since the Mexico Recreation Department serves children and adults from all the surrounding towns.

2. ATV club grant

Clyde Wardwell of The Mexico ATV club is applying for a grant to raise money to help maintain the ATV trails and it has to be done through the municipality, it is done in a similar way as the Mexico Trailblazers (snowmobile club). Once the town receives the money we will cut a check to the ATV club for the amount of the grant.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to allow the Mexico ATV club to apply for a grant through the municipality and once the money is received by the town we will cut a check to the ATV club. Voted unanimously to approve.**

3. Town owned properties

1. 45 Granite Street map 20 lot 131

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to set the minimum bid at \$11,000. With the stipulation that the town would retain a 50x50 piece. Voted unanimously to approve.**

2. 26 Dix Ave map 20 lot 29B

****Motioned by Richard Philbrick, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to set the minimum bid at \$5,000. Voted unanimously to approve.**

3. 39 Chase Ave map 23 lot 121

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by Richard Philbrick to set the minimum bid at \$5,000 with the stipulation that the new owner would have 60 days from the date of purchase to clean the property up. Voted unanimously to approve.**

4. 130 Roxbury Road map 23 lots 118 & 119

****Motioned by Richard Philbrick, second by Clifford Stewart to set the minimum bid at \$9,000. Voted unanimously to approve.**

5. 35 Ledgeview Street map 23 lot 150A

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to set the minimum bid at \$5,200. Voted unanimously to approve.**

6. 34 Harlow Hill Road map 20 lot 212

****Motioned by Richard Philbrick, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to set the minimum bid at \$10,000. Voted unanimously to approve.**

The bid process will end on June 19th, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. with the selectmen opening bids at that night's selectmen meeting.

4. Bicentennial discussion

Due to a difference in understanding between the Mexico Bicentennial Committee and The Mexico Board of Selectmen regarding the repayment of \$5,000 the town gave to the Bicentennial Committee last year. It was decided that any monies left in the committees account at the end of

the calendar year 2018 would be split 50/50 between the Town of Mexico and The Mexico Historical Society. Discussion followed.

****Motioned by Richard Philbrick, second by T.J. Williams to have the Mexico Bicentennial Committee repay the Town of Mexico 50% of what is remaining in their account at the end of the calendar year 2018 with the stipulation that the 50% will not exceed \$5,000. The other 50% will be given to the Mexico Historical Society. Voted unanimously to approve.**

5. Appointment of new Police Reserve/Constable officer (added to agenda at this time)

Police Chief Roy Hodsdon introduced the Board of Selectmen and The Town Manager to Nicholas Young who is a recent graduate from Husson University with a degree in Criminal Justice and has two years' experience working as a Reserve Police Officer for the Town of York. Nicholas lives in the Town of Carthage, and is a graduate of Dirigo High School. He is willing to work the vacant slot and is eager to learn from our police officers once he finishes training. Discussion followed.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the hiring of Nicholas Young as a Police Reserve officer/Constable. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Department reports

Fire Department report

- *Had a controlled burn on Richards Ave Saturday the 19th it went very well. Jennifer went over and took pictures she will make up pictures for the chief.
- *An RV caught fire on Backkingdom road
- *A motorcyclist hit a pedestrian on Backkingdom Road
- *There was a fire in Roxbury at the wind towers it burned about 2 acers

Police Department report

- *Click it or Ticket begins next week
- *Distracted driving details have started and will continue until the end of summer.
- *As soon as the ATV trails are open for the season we will be out patrolling the trails.
- *Been busy the last few days.
- *On Memorial Day a few of the Mexico Police Explores will be participating in the parade

Recreation report

- *The rec park is officially open for business
- *Finished the trim at the snack shack just need to get up to scoops and pick up the suppression system.
- *Major league baseball has started with minor, and t-ball league starting up soon

Town Managers report

- *On May 24, 2018 from 5-7 the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a business after hours meet and greet.
- *We have received a letter from the RSU #10 school board letting us know that we will have any empty seat to fill on the board.
- *The River Valley Chamber of Commerce is donating an oversized Adirondack to the Town of Mexico we will be placing it at the small greens across the street from the Far East restaurant.
- *Received an updated proposed RSU #10 budget, the voting will take place on May 23rd at the MVHS at 6:30 P.M.

Road Commissioners report

*We need to start thinking about area's we need to address. Bucknum Street is one we have to look at, also between Parker Street and Granite Street. Another area of concern is the recreation department/police department parking lot.

General Assistance report

Given

Code Enforcement report

Given

Library report

Given

Selectmens report

Clifford Stewart

Field of Greens in Portland is offering a class on how towns can deal with Medical Marijuana info. Is anyone interested in going? Discussion followed

A. Byron Ouellette

None

T.J. Williams

None

Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

The Highway crew is doing a good job picking up the sand

Richard Philbrick

Everyone is doing a great job. The election is on June 12th, 2018 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Thank you Cliff for taking the lead during the public hearing.

Public discussion

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLLE 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER

Time in 7:43 p.m.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Time out 8:10 p.m.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to come out of executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) from discussing a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Action taken

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Richard Philbrick to create signs for the Mexico Recreation Park**

2. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER.

Time in 8:11 p.m.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Time out 8:32 p.m.

****Motioned by T. J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to come out of executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) from discussing a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Action taken

None

Adjournment

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Blodgett
Executive Secretary

X
Richard Philbrick-Chairman

X
Clifford Stewart-Vice Chair

X
A. Byron Ouellette

X
Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

X
Thomas T.J. Williams

Date signed: _____