

**REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING  
JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:30 P.M  
MEXICO TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
MINUTES**

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

**OTHERS:** Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Richard Jones-Fire Chief, Kelsey Bevin-Access Channel, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times, Caroline Mitchell, Thomas Chadsey and spouse.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**Recited

**MINUTES**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the minutes dated June 19, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**WARRANTS**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the warrants dated June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**BUDGET REVIEW**

We are only 17 days into the new fiscal year.

**TABLED ITEMS**

**1. RECREATION PARK POLICY**

Jack brought an updated recreation park policy for the board to look at and review.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the new recreation park policy. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. TOWN OWNED PROPERTY BIDS**

We only received one bid from Thomas Chadsey for 26 Dix Ave. The minimum bid price was for \$5000.00 and Mr. Chadsey bid was in the amount of \$5,350.00.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to accept Mr. Chadsey's bid price of \$5,350.00 for 26 Dix Ave. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**2. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second T.J. Williams to approve the board appointments. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve a board request application for Jamie O'Leary and place him on the Budget Committee and the Recreation Committee. Jennifer will call Mr. O'Leary and let him know. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **3. HOLDER TRACTOR UPDATE**

Jack handed out some papers to the board in regards to leasing a holder tractor for the highway department. Lengthy discussion followed.

**\*\*Motioned by Clifford Stewart, second by Richard Philbrick to take \$30,000.00 out of the equipment reserve account as a down payment on the holder tractor and to lease the remaining balance. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **4. POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF UPDATE**

Therriault Building and Maintenance Inc. out of Lisbon, Maine came up and inspected the roof. They gave out two quotes on fixing it. The first one is just for sealing the cracks at a cost of \$7,300.00. The second quote is for repairing the whole roof at a cost of \$17,913.72. Lengthy discussion followed.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to accept the second quote in the amount of \$17,913.72 and to have the money come out of the Superintendence office account. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **5. LIBRARY DECISION**

Due to the current Library director leaving on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we have put an ad in the Rumford Falls Times advertising for a Library Administrator (part time) with the closing date for accepting applications being July 25, 2018. This position will fall under the direction of the Town manager and the library hours would change from 34 per week to 24 per week. Lengthy discussion followed.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to hire a Library Administrator to work 24 hours a week and to see if the part-time circulation clerk would like to move up from 4 hours a week to 10 hours. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **6. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to have the town remain in the oxford county hazard mitigation plan. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Fire Department Report**

The department had applied for a grant through Maine Municipal Association to help pay for the SCBA bottles that need to be replaced. However the town payed for the bottles before the grant was approved and Maine Municipal Association decided to deny the grant. Jack decided to call and talk to them about the situation and I myself called them as well. I just learned today that Maine Municipal Association has decided to give us the grant. Once we receive the check it will go back into the reserve account. Also we have sold our Medlite Transport Deluxe MTD-103 side in skid unit to the town of Yarmouth for \$3,000.00 that money will also go back in to the reserve account.

We also have a firefighter who will be out of work for the next 4-6 weeks. We are doing pretty good making sure we have enough coverage.

It has been kind of quiet lately, we have been called out on a few accidents and CMP calls.

### **Police Department Report**

Discussed an article that had run in the newspaper listing Mexico as the crime capital of the state. Crime rate is figured by the number of calls to dispatch divided by the number of 1,000 of people. According to the FBI murder holds the same weight as shoplifting in this equation.

### **Recreation Department Report**

T-ball is starting to wrap up for the year, had a great turn out. There is some painting going on at the rec building. The suppression system has been remove from scoops and will be installed at the snack shack soon.

Selectmen Clifford Stewart wanted to know how the snack shack was going to be staffed once it is opened. Discussion followed.

### **Town Managers Report**

Western Maine Veterans Committee is holding a golf tournament on Saturday August 18, 2018 in Poland.

Last fall the Rotary/Lyons club had reach out to us and asked about placing a new sign somewhere on town property. As they were turned down by DOT employee Tim Soucy on placement of the sigh. Discussion followed about where the sign could be place and it was decided to table this item until the next meeting.

**\*\*Motioned by Richard Philbrick, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to table this item until the next selectmens meeting on August 21, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **Road Commissioners Report**

Took a re-look at Bucknum Street and the cost to fix it, the original quote was for \$18,000.00 but due to the fact that Pike bought out Manzer the new quote is for \$20,487.00. Also the quote for the police department parking lot increased from

\$40,000.00 to \$46,000.00. We are still waiting on a price for Mitchell Street. Lengthy discussion followed.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to take \$22,000.00 out of the road construction account and fix Bucknum Street.**

**General Assistance Report**

Written report given

**Code Enforcement Report**

Written report given

**Library department Report**

Written report given

**Selectmen's Report**

**Clifford Stewart**

None

**A. Byron Ouellette**

None

**Reginald Arsenault, Jr.**

None

**Thomas T.J. Williams**

May not be at the next meeting

**Public Discussion**

None

**Executive Session**

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

**TIME IN 8:05 P.M.**

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

**TIME OUT 8:20 P.M.**

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

**ACTION TAKEN**

None

**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 8:25 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 8:40 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 Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Blodgett  
Executive Secretary

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Philbrick-Chairman

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Clifford Stewart

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Byron Ouellette

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas T.J. Williams-Vice Chair