

**REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:00 P.M.
MEXICO TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Other: Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Richard Jones-Fire Chief, Corey Mills-Fire Fighter, Kelsey Bevins-Access Channel, David Gile-Citizen.

Pledge of Allegiance-Recited

PUBLIC HEARING

1. JUNK YARD PERMITS

Time in 6:00 P.M.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to go into public hearing to discuss two junk yard permit applications. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Code Enforcement Officer David Errington has been asked if there were any issues with the junk yards in the area and he stated that he has no issue with the junk yard permits for James Cogley and Richard Welch.

Time out 6:04 P.M.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to come out of public hearing from discussing two junk yard permit applications one for Richard Welch and one for James Cogley. Voted unanimously to approve.**

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to approve the two junk yard permits. Voted unanimously to approve.**

MINUTES

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the minutes of August 21st, and September 4th, 2018 with corrections to the minutes with the addition of a motion that was missing from the August 21st, minutes by T.J. Williams and second by Clifford Stewart to approve a new mil rate of 29.2 for the fiscal year 2018-2019. Voted unanimously to approve.**

WARRANTS

****Motioned by T.J. Williams second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve warrants dated August 28th, and September 4th, 11th, and 18th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

TABLED ITEMS

1. OFFICE POLICIES

The board reviewed a draft of the new updated office policy. Jack is still working on the language and will have a final draft for the board to review before the next selectmens meeting on October 2nd, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. CRACKS IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Jack had J & T Masonry come and take a look at the town office building and the library building foundation. There are multiple cracks in the town office building as well as in the foundation of the library building. Last week Jack pressure washed the front of the building and there was a lot of dirt and grime that came out. Due to technical difficulty's Jack was not able to show the board pictures of the cracks.

****Motedioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T. J. Williams to table this item until the next selectmens meeting on October 2, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department report

Corey Mills was hired as our new fulltime fire fighter (he was in attendance at the meeting). The department has a lot of training coming up in October.

We have 2 employees' that have been out on sick leave. 1 is cleared to come back to work on October 1st with no restrictions.

The state convention is this weekend, it is being held in Portland this year. I will be leaving Thursday for it and won't be back until Sunday.

We had some lines painted out in front of the station to help the drivers when they are backing into the station.

We only have one 4 gas meter and I would like to get another one. It was suggest that Richie would give Jack the make & model number and see if we can apply for a grant through Maine Municipal Association to help with the cost of this.

Police Department report

Written report given

Recreation Department- report given by Richard Philbrick

Soccer has started up to the recreation park.

They are working on the haunted walk and would welcome any volunteers.

Town Managers report

I have received an e-mail from Lisa Russell whom is a teacher at MVHS and the Student Council Advisor. She is looking to participate in the National Make a Difference Day, this October 27th. Mrs. Russell was reaching out to the local communities to see what the school and students could do to improve the lives of others. If anyone has any ideas please let me know so I can pass them along to her.

I have also received a quote from Arbie's Carpet to replace the carpet in the conference room; it would be a little over \$1000.00. The board has suggested that we bring in Rodney Canwell and have him give us a quote as well. We can discuss this at the next meeting.

The next RSU 10 board meeting is September 24th, 2018 @ 6:30 P.M. it is being held at the Western Foothills School previously known as Penacook.

Citizen David Gile would like to speak with the board in regards to the storm drains on his street. He claims he has been cleaning the catch basins on his road for over 28 years and has had enough of it. During heavy rains debris washes down the road covering the catch basins which causes his property to flood. Mr. Gile showed pictures to the board of what his property looks

like after heavy rains. Lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Gile has suggested that the town crew spend more time on his street making sure that the catch basins are cleaned out; Town Manager Jack Gaudet stated that unfortunately we don't have the manpower or time to be there every day to pick up debris (leaves, sticks, acorns, ext....). More lengthy discussion followed and process on how to address this problem is being worked on by Jack and Highway Foreman John Blais.

Work is going to start on Bucknum Street the 1st week of October. It will be a two day job with the first day being spent grating and setting the road and the second day spent paving.

General Assistance report

Written report given

Code Enforcement report

Written report given

Library report

Written report given

Selectmens report

Clifford Stewart

I am not sure if this has been brought up yet but Dick Picket had made a \$100.00 donation towards the Greg Arsenault memorial sign that was place up to the Mexico Recreation Park earlier this year. However because multiple people donated we (town) did not use all of Mr. Pickets \$100.00. What is left out of that money Mr. Picket would like to donate to the memorial greens account.

A. Byron Ouellette

All set

Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

I know that we are in the process of taking down the trailer on Chase Ave, I have touched base with the Solid Waste Board and they informed me that we could bring the debris to Norridgewock to dump it and they will sort it for us.

T.J. Williams

All set

Richard Philbrick

I like what Jennifer did in the hallway of the town office to recognize the month of September as childhood cancer awareness month.

Public discussion

Fire Chief Richard Jones said that med-care was called to 20 Roxbury road the other night but that drive way is blocked off with barricades. The drivers had a hard time getting to the building because they had to take another road to get there. Discussed maybe changing the address so that emergency personnel would be able to assist quicker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Time in 6:48 P.M.

****Motioned by Richard Philbrick, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr. to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (F) to discuss a poverty abatement. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Time out 7:11 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) (F) from discussing a poverty abatement. 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 NIGHT OF APPRECIATION NOMINATIONS.

Time in 7:12 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 Night of Appreciation nominations. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Time out 7:42 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 Night of Appreciation nominations . Voted unanimously to approve.**

Action taken:

Volunteer of the year: Shane Child

Citizen of the year: Nghia Ha

Full time employee of the year: Roy Hodsdon

Part time employee of the year: Walter Fish

Town Managers award: Bicentennial Committee/Historical Society

3. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (60) (A) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL ISSUE.

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 personal issue. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Time out 8:37 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) (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 8:40 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

Date signed: _____