

**REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING
OCTOBER 16TH, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:30 P.M.
MEXICO TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Others: Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Peter DeFilipp-Mexico School Board, Richard Jones-Fire Chief, Kelsey Bevins- Access channel, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times.

Pledge of Allegiance-recited

MINUTES

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Clifford Stewart to approve the regular board of selectmen meeting minutes dated October 2nd, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

WARRANTS

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the warrants dated October 9th, and 16th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

TABLED ITEMS

1. CRACKS IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Jack received an updated quote from J & T Masonry to fix just the window lentils around the building. The quote was for \$1800.00. Discussion followed.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to accept the updated quote of \$1800.00 from J & T Masonry to repair the window lentils and to take the money out of the building renovation fund. Voted unanimously to approve.**

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. TOWN OWNED PROPERTY BIDS

We only received on bid and it was for 45 Granite Street. After careful review by the board the bid was not accepted.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to decline the bid for 45 Granite Street and advertise this property in the newspaper again. Voted unanimously to approve.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department report

Replace a couple valves on the tanker.

Replaced the upstairs desk with a solid wooden one that we purchased for \$30.00

Police Department report

Written report given

Recreation Department report

The haunted walk starts this weekend.

We have had some damage to the soccer field at the recreation park someone decided to drive their vehicle on the field and spin it all up.

Town Managers report

The trailer on Chase Ave has been completely knocked down and we had to get a second dumpster as we filled the first one completely.

The next selectmens meeting falls on November 6th which is Election Day.

AVCOG planning day is November 1st, 2018

We received another quote from Arbie's carpet for carpet squares. There price was quite a bit more than the quote we have received from Rodney Canwell. Discussion followed.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to accept the quote of \$1000.00 from Rodney Canwell and to replace the carpet using just straight carpet verses the carpet squares. Voted unanimously to approve.**

School board member Peter DeFilipp is in attendance tonight and ready to answer questions if anyone has any. Mr. DeFilipp informed us that the Department of Education has placed a couple of our schools on their rebuild list. R.E.S. came in at three on the list anything less than a twelve is written out. The money has not be appropriated yet once the legislative body gives the Department of Education the money it would be in the towns best interest to set up a committee to discuss the building of a new school here in the district. 90-95% of the funds to build a new school would come from the state however it is still too early to start making plans. Discussion followed with the Mexico Board of Selectmen asking Mr. DeFilipp questions.

We have received a letter from Mountain Valley Middle School asking for a donation to their renaissance program. The board discussed that this was not a budgeted item and declined to contribute.

Road Commissioners report

Bucknum Street had a coat of paving put down and that will be all that's done to it until after winter. A final coat will be put down in the spring.

The Mexico/Peru Bridge will open on October 26th, 2018 with a bridge dedication ceremony. There will also be one final meeting at the Town office on Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 1:00 to discuss last minute plans for the bridge opening.

The corner of Mitchell and Parker Street is torn up pretty good it looks like it's a water issue. The water runs straight down the middle of the road. Pike went up and took a look at it and it is slated to be addressed next year.

John Blais and I met with a gentleman from the Maine Municipal Association convention. We discussed a new crack sealing product. Discussion followed. This will be reviewed next spring.

Code Enforcement report

Written report given

General Assistance report

Written report given

Library report

Written report given

Selectmens report

Clifford Stewart

All set

A. Byron Ouellette

All set

Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

The solid waste board is going to be placing large collection containers around the towns of Mexico, Rumford and Dixfield for citizens to place used clothing items in. Once the bins are full they will be taken away to be sorted through the items will then be donated to Goodwill's stores and the Salvation Army.

Also household food waste can be brought down to the transfer station for disposal.

Thomas "T.J." Williams

All set

Richard Philbrick

The 82nd Maine Municipal Association convention went very good, lots of networking with other Towns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

TIME IN 7:35 P.M.

****Motedioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams 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 8:08 P.M.

****Motedioned 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

****Motedioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to adjourn at 8:09 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: _____

