

**REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:30 P.M.
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Others: Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Richard Jones-Fire Chief, Marilla Couch-Library Director, Kelsey Bevins-Access Channel, Wendy-Access Channel, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times

Pledge of Allegiance-Recited

PUBLIC HEARING

1. TO ADOPT THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE APPENDICES A-D

TIME IN 6:30

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to go in to public hearing to discuss adopting the general assistance appendices A-D. Voted unanimously to approve.**

TIME OUT 6:36 P.M.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to come out of public hearing from discussing adopting the general assistance appendices A-D. Voted unanimously to approve.**

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to adopt the general assistance appendices A-D. Voted unanimously to approve.**

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 16TH, 2018 AND THE ADDITIONAL MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 17TH 2018 PHONE CONVERSATION WITH SELECTMEN

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the minutes dated October 16th and 17th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

WARRANTS

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS DATED OCTOBER 23RD, 30TH, AND NOVEMBER 6TH, 2018.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the warrants dated October 23rd, 30th and November 6th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

TABLED ITEMS

1. TOWN OFFICE POLICY

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to table this item until more information is available. Voted unanimously to approve.**

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. NEXT YEARS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

It has been brought to the town's attention that there have been some issues at the recreation park that involves the softball league. The complaint was that during last year's playoff season some of the players had alcohol at the fields and per town policy there is to be no alcohol at the recreation park. Town manager Jack Gaudet has met with Recreation Director Wayne Sevigny to discuss this issue. Jack is going to speak with the softball commissioner to let him know our concerns and the town policy on alcohol. Lengthy discussion followed.

2. WINTER PARKING BAN

The Town of Mexico winter parking ban will go into effect on November 15th, 2018 or the first plowable storm and will remain in effect until April 20th, 2018 or longer depending on the weather.

3. MED-CARE BOARD APPOINTMENT

We had two applications filled out for med-care board alternate positions one from Dwight Murphy and the other from Janet Sanchez. Discussion followed.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to appoint Dwight Murphy to the med-care board as an alternate. Voted unanimously to approve.**

4. RUMFORD/MEXICO SUPER SEWER RATES

Roland Arsenault came in and spoke with Jack about a rate increase to the town involving the Super Sewer on River Road. He didn't have the figures yet on how much the increase was going to be. Mr. Arsenault stated that he will get back to us with a price he just wanted to advise the town that there will be an increase in the future.

BUDGET REVIEW

Selectmen and Town Manager went over budget sheets and discussion followed. Jack stated that we are five months into the 2018-2019 budget season and everything looks pretty good right now.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department Report

We have had three people complete their Hazmat class.

Sunday was the last day of the hazmat ops class and we had seven individuals pass.

We had one gentleman complete his fire 1 & 2 we also had another gentleman complete his basic firefighters schooling.

Calls have been down during the last month.

Both trucks were pump tested this past Sunday and they both passed.

We haven't heard back from Morrison's yet in regards to the brake on the tanker.

We are adding four more junior firefighters to our ranks and one more to our call force.

Hose testing might not get done until next year. I would like to have an independent company come out and test them for us and we could budget for that in the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Jack has been working on a town vehicle policy and has discussed it with Fire Chief Richie Jones. After review by the selectmen and discussion it was decided to table this item until the next selectmens meeting on November 20th, 2018.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to table the town vehicle policy until the next meeting on November 20th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Police Department Report

Written report given

Recreation Department Report

The board was given a list from Rec Director Wayne Sevigny of the individuals chosen to be on the recreation committee. Jennifer will bring appointment papers to the next meeting for the selectmen to sign.

Town Managers Report

Received an e-mail from Citizen James Payton in regards to a face to face conversation we had the other day in the office. Mr. Payton would like to be able to walk his dogs at the Recreation Park during the winter months. However the Town of Mexico has a recreation policy that prevents dogs from being at the park unless they are service dogs. Discussion followed and it was decided to put this matter in front of the planning board to create an ordinance so that it can be enforced by the proper authorities.

We received our permit for the incline lift at the Police Department building. It is back-up and running.

Road Commissioners Report

The highway crew is oiling up the trucks for the winter season. We are waiting on a part for Toby's truck. Discussion followed.

General Assistance Report

Written report given

Code Enforcement Report

Written report given

Library Department Report

Written report given. Library director Marilia Couch handed out library business cards to all five selectmen. She also has asked if she could offer a free Mexico library card to all out of town employee's. Discussion followed.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to allow the Mexico Public Library to give all employees who live outside of Mexico a free library card. Voted unanimously to approve.**

The fiber optics lines have all been run to the library and things seem to be running smoothly.

Selectmens Report

Clifford Stewart

I attended the Haunted Walk at the Rec center and was very impressed. It's my understanding that they had over 40 volunteers working on this, if anyone has not gone yet please add it to your bucket list.

A. Byron Ouellette

All set

Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

I had a talk with Ed Patterson about the parking area behind the library and he is upset with people throwing their cigarette butts and trash all over the place. I told him that I would bring it up at the next selectmens meeting for discussion. Discussion followed and Town Manager Jack Gaudet brought up to the board that he would like to see lights installed out back of the building for safety reasons.

T.J. Williams

Today is Election Day and it looks like we have had a pretty good turnout of voters so far.

Richard Philbrick
All Set

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) (A) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER.

TIME IN 7:38 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 8:15 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 Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to adjourn at 8:17 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: _____