

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022

Mexico Town Office

Calvin Lyons Hall

Present: Cliff Stewart- Chair, Richie Philbrick, TJ Williams, Peter Merrill, Reggie Arsenault- Vice Chair, Raquel Welch- Town Manager, Caroline Mitchell- press, Bruce Farrin- press, Mat Theriault- Fire Chief, Robert Briggs- ACO, Dave Errington- CEO, Janet and Mike Brennick, Bonnie Child, Deb Alden, Randy Canwell, Jack Gaudet, River Valley Cheerleaders.

Cliff Stewart opened the meeting at 5:45 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6)(C) Acquisition of real property

****Tj made a motion to enter into executive session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (C) at 5:45, seconded by Reggie. All in favor.**

****Richie made a motion to come out of executive session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (C) at 5:57, seconded by Reggie. All in favor.**

****Rich made a motion to add the following article to the warrant in June: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase land more particularly described in a deed recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4290 at Page 183 located along the Roxbury Road and the Swift River for a new fire station for the Town under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be beneficial to the Town. Seconded by TJ, all in favor.**

Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6)(D) Labor Negotiations

****Tj made a motion to enter into executive session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (D) at 5:58, seconded by Richie. All in favor.**

****Richie made a motion to come out of executive session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (C) at 6:11, seconded by Reggie. All in favor.**

Agenda Adjustments:

****Richie made a motion to move RSU10 to the beginning of new business. TJ seconded, all in favor.**

Minutes:

- **Approval of the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes dated March 1, 2022.**
- ***TJ motioned to approve the minutes dated March 1, 2022 as written. Seconded by Peter, all in favor**

Warrants

- **Approval of the Warrants dated March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29 and April 5, 2022.**
- *** Reggie made a motion to approve the warrants dated March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29 and April 5, 2022. Seconded by TJ, all in favor.**

New Business:

1. RSU10- School Board members requested the Select Board waive the building permit fees for the new school that is currently in the planning process. Town Manager requested information regarding DOE appointed building inspectors and how much the local CEO will need to be involved in this process.

2. River Valley Cheerleaders- requested holding a toll road to raise money for the cheerleaders to attend competitions on 6/18 from 8:30-4:30 with a rain date of the following Saturday. Raquel asked for clarification on where the children would be standing as the road is very busy. She was assured that the children would be on the sidewalks holding signs and the parents would be in the road collecting money.
****Richie made a motion to allow the cheerleaders to hold a toll road. Seconded by Peter, all in favor.**

3. Robert Briggs ACO- attended the meeting to meet the board and discuss Kozy Kennels.

4. Kozy Kennels-

****Richie made a motion to accept Kozy Kennel's contract beginning on July 1, 2022. Seconded by Reggie, all in favor.**

5. Boston Post Policy- will vote next meeting.

6. Motion to add Brianna Scott to Bangor Savings Bank-

****Tj made a motion to add Brianna Scott to Bangor Savings bank. Seconded by Richie, all in favor.**

7. Board Compatibility- the Board discussed the legality of allowing Selectmen to serve on the Planning Board. Vote will be held next meeting.

8. Restricting Vehicle Weight Ordinance- ordinance was presented to the Board for approval to put on the June Warrant.

****Richie made a motion to add the following article to the June warrant: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Restricting Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways Ordinance. Seconded by Reggie, all in favor.**

Old Business:

1. The Budget Committee voted to set the interest rate on late taxes be 4%, the Selectboard previously voted to set it at 3.5 %. The Select board made no motion to change their previous decision.

Fire department Report:

Chief Theiault reported that he had received a grant from Walmart to purchase a large screen t.v., hose testing will be coming up, 5/26 is the car show, on 4/30 they will be burning a house as a training.

Police Department Report:

- Report Given.

Library Report:

- Report given.

Code Enforcement Report:

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General Assistance Report:

Recreation Department Report:

- Report given.

Budget Review-

****Tj made a motion to table the budget review until the next meeting, Seconded by Reggie, all in favor.**

Town Managers Report:

- Froze budget today to try to avoid using reserve accounts for utilities
 - Hired Brianna Scott as the new secretary
 - Will be going MVHS on Friday to work with students on interviewing skills
 - Rob Stevens is now working one day a week
 - Spirit of America Award on May 3rd.
 - Budget Committee wants their recommendations to be listed first on June warrant
- **TJ made a motion to have the Budget Committee's recommendations listed first on the June warrant. Seconded by Richie. 4 yes, 1 abstain.**

Road Commissioners Report:

- New truck start date has been pushed back to December.
- Crew has started working 4 10 hour days.

Selectmen's Report:

- Cliff reported on a thank you note from the Western Valley Access Channel
- Reggie stated the roads are looking good

Public Discussion:

Reggie made a motion to adjourn at 7:32. Seconded by Richie, all in favor.

Date




Reggie Arsenault- Vice Chair

Peter Merrill



Cliff Stewart- Chair



Richie Philbrick



TJ Williams