

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

Mexico Town Office

Calvin Lyons Hall

Attendance:

Selectmen: TJ Williams- Chair, Randy Canwell- Vice Chair, Kevin Jamison, Richie Philbrick.

Staff: Raquel Welch- Town Manager, Tami Vradenburg- Town Clerk, Linda DeRoehn- secretary, Dave Saphier- Health Officer, Marilla Couch, Mat Theriault, Jamee Theriault.

Public: Gary DeRohn, Kelli Carrier, Leigha Carrier, Melinda Stewart, Lisa Arsenault, Carrie Arsenault, Jack Arsenault, Michael Mann, Charlene Mann, Diane Maher, William Scott, Heather Scott, Bruce Farrin, Edward Varnum, Joshua Hood.

Special Town meeting

TJ opened the selectmen's meeting at 6:34 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda Adjustments*

*Approval of the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes dated August 1, 2023.

^^Richie made a motion to approve the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes dated August 1, 2023 seconded by Randy. All in favor.

**Warrants*

Approval of warrants dated August 8 and August 15, 2023.

^^TJ made a motion to approve the warrants dated August 8, and August 15,2023 seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

**New Business*

1. Set tax rate

^^Richie made a motion to set the mil rate at .0292 seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

2. Animal Control Ordinance

^^ Randy made a motion to amend the current Animal Control Ordinance and to put this on the November ballot, seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

3. Property Maintenance Ordinance

^^Richie made a motion to put the Property Maintenance Ordinance on the November ballot, seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

4. Planning Board Appointment

^^Richie made a motion to appoint Jack Arsenault to the planning board, seconded by Randy. All in favor.

5. River Valley Animal Shelter

Randy discussed his desire to use the Town Office Building as an animal shelter once the building is empty. He also discussed the need for an account to be set up to receive donations.

6. Warrant for special town meeting.

^^Richie made a motion to approve the warrant for the special town meeting, seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

7. Building Committee Reorganization

Raquel requested that the building committee reorganize as it is no longer going to include other departments. She requested Mat Theriault provide her with a list of tentative members.

***Old Business**

1. Gun Ordinance

The Board discussed that they do not want to make additional restrictions regarding firearms. They feel that the laws that are in place should be upheld.

2. 26 Dix Ave

Raquel discussed that due to current laws, the building could not be torn down for 5 years.

***RSU 10 Report**

****Fire Department-***

-Report Given

****Police Department-***

****Library-***

-Report Given

****Code Enforcement-***

-Report Given

**General Assistance-*

-Report Given

**Recreation Department-*

**Town Managers Report-*

-Giving the police tahoe to the Rec Dept.

-Investigated whether we qualify for grants to get fiber brought to this area. We do not since we have Spectrum services.

-talking with Smokey's Carnivals.

Back to school block part on 8/25.

Psychic medium fair 9/16.

Town Hall 9/15.

Will be starting open public time in September.

MMA convention Oct 4 & 5

Raquel sent out RFP's to municipal lawyers.

Music in the park this Friday.

**Road Commissioner*

-Plow truck is on its way.

-Raquel questioned the board regarding paper roads.

-Thompson Hill project will start around 9/11.

**Selectmen's report-*

TJ-

Kevin- Hopes to see everyone on 9/15!

Peter-

Randy-

Richie-

**Public Discussion-*

*Carrie Arsenault asked about putting cameras at the rec park.

Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A)

^^Tj made a motion to go into Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A) at 8:03, seconded by Richie. All in favor.

^^Richie made a motion to come out of Executive Session 1 MRSA 405 6(A) at 8:49, seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

^^Randy made a motion to adjourn at 8:49. Seconded by Richie, all in favor.

9-5-2023
Date

Thomas Williams
TJ Williams- Chair

Randy Capwell
Randy Capwell- Vice Chair

Richie Philbrick
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Peter Merrill
Peter Merrill

Kevin Jamison
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