

## **Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**October 17, 2023**

**Mexico Town Office**

**Calvin Lyons Hall**

**\*Informational Meeting for November Ballot**

**\*Public Hearing- junkyard permit James Cogley dba Cogley's Auto**

**^^Richie made a motion to go into public hearing at 6:33, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**^^Richie made a motion to come out of public hearing at 6:34, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**^^Richie made a motion to approve the junkyard permit for James Cogley, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**\*Public Hearing- junkyard permit Richard Welch dba Dick's Auto Sales.**

**^^Richie made a motion to go into public hearing at 6:34, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**^^Richie made a motion to come out of public hearing at 6:35, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**^^Richie made a motion to approve the junkyard permit for Richard Welch, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

### ***Attendance:***

**Selectmen: TJ Williams- Chair, Randy Canwell- Vice Chair, Peter Merrill, Richie Philbrick.**

**Staff: Raquel Welch- Town Manager, Mat Theriault- Fire Chief/Code Enforcement, EJ Varnum- Road Crew, Linda DeRoehn- Secretary.**

**Public: Lisa Arsenault, Jack Arsenault, Star Lee McKenna, Bruce Farrin, Garey DeRoehn, Jacob Cunningham, Seth Marshall, Nancy Theriault, Ann Carver, Ray Carver, Wyatt Carver, Emily Carver, Allen Chartier, Michelle Williams, Reggie Arsenault, Veronica Child, Phil Hotham.**

**TJ opened the selectmen's meeting at 6:35 P.M.**

### ***\*Agenda Adjustments***

**^^Richie made a motion to add an additional executive session, add Phil Hotham under new business and table the combination of positions and nepotism policy, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

**\*Approval of the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes dated October 3, 2023.**

**^^Peter made a motion to approve the minutes dated October 3, 2023, seconded by Richie. All in favor.**

***\*Warrants***

**\*Approval of warrants dated October 10 and October 17, 2023.**

**^^Richie made a motion to approve the warrants dated October 10 and October 17, 2023, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

***\*New Business***

**1. *Combination of positions- tabled***

**2. *Food Pantry***

**^^Peter made a motion to declare the opening of the food pantry an emergency and to approve the pantry, seconded by Richie. All in favor.**

**3. Reggie Arsenault- Trailer Park Ordinance**

**Requested that the Board not support removing this ordinance.**

**4. Phil Hotham**

**Discussed with the Board saving returnables.**

***\*Old Business***

**1. Nepotism Policy- tabled**

**\*RSU 10 Report**

**Report Given**

***\*Fire Department-***

**Report Given**

***\*Police Department-***

***\*Library-***

***\*Code Enforcement-***

**Report Given**

***\*General Assistance-***

**Report Given**

***\*Recreation Department-***

***\*Town Managers Report-***

**Gearing up for Halloween festivities**

Tax money has been coming in steadily

Employee appreciation lunch 12/19

*\*Road Commissioner*

Will need to find a new location for the snow dump after this year

*\*Selectmen's report-*

TJ-

Richie-

Peter-

Randy-

*\*Public Discussion-*

Discussion was had regarding pan handling.

Discussion was had regarding the use of Town vehicles.

**^^Richie made a motion to not allow the Rec Director to bring his town vehicle home, that it needs to be parked at the rec building at night and weekends, seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

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

**^^Richie made a motion to enter executive session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (D) at 7:53, seconded by Randy. All in favor.**

**^^Randy made a motion to come out of executive session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (D) at 8:27, seconded by Richie. All in favor**

**^^TJ made a motion to put the following article out to the voters on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>- To see if the town will vote to allocate up to n\$215,000.00 from undesignated funds to retain and recruit police officers, including adding an additional officer. All unused monies will return to surplus. Seconded by Richie, all in favor.**

*\*Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters*

**^^TJ made a motion to enter executive session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A) at 8:29, seconded by Richie. All in favor.**

**^^Randy made a motion to come out of executive session 1 M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A) at 8:53, seconded by Richie. All in favor**

**^^TJ made a motion to give all employees a day off on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. The Town Office, Town Garage (depending on weather), library and rec will all be closed that day. Fire and Police will be given a day they can use at their discretion, seconded by Richie. All in favor.**

^^Randy made a motion to adjourn at 8:53. Seconded by Richie, all in favor.

11-7-2023  
Date

Randy Canwell  
Randy Canwell- Vice Chair

Peter Merrill  
Peter Merrill

TJ Williams  
TJ Williams- Chair

Richie Philbrick  
Richie Philbrick

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