

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021

Meeting called to order by Selectmen Norman Beckwith at 6:00pm.

Calling of the Roll

Selectmen: Norman Beckwith, David Thorp, Kirk Hamilton

Secretary: Carolyn Nye

Guest: Bill Nye, Hutch Gagne, Gene Turner, Tiffany Ellison

Norman made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Kirk seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Gene Turner feels that the selectmen doing small, odd jobs around the town of Shirley is unethical. He believes the selectmen and road commissioners need to be putting those jobs out for bid.

The Maine Municipal Association Legal Services state Maine Law does not require that small municipal jobs such as tree cutting, & minor road repairs such as repairing washouts & fixing culverts do not have to go out to bid. Maine law does not prohibit members of the selectboard from being employed by the town. A selectboard member should not be voting to hire himself due to the conflict of interest, the remaining board members should be the only ones making the decisions.

Gene Turner voiced a concern about the selectmen being allowed to be Road Commissioners. Maine Law says Selectpersons may serve as a board of Road Commissioners.

Norman has been cutting down leaning trees on the North Road so the road will dry out and the trees won't fall onto the power lines. Norman would like to cover up the culvert with dirt to Dennis's driveway, so the snowplow & grader won't pull it up.

Geneva has turned in her resignation for Vehicle Registrations and Tax Collecting. Geneva stated that if the town can find someone to take over vehicle registrations, she will continue tax collecting for a few more years. The town is looking into either hiring someone to learn Vehicle Registrations or letting the Town of Greenville take them over. The Town of Greenville will be discussing it at their Selectmen Meeting scheduled for Monday December 1st.

Norman left Kirby Ellis a message about using the snowmobile trail on Ducharme's land. Kirby Ellis put up a gate to keep the ATV's from making a mess.

David felt the Blanchard Road and the North Road were not sanded as much as the rest of the town. Norman said he will investigate it.

Norman asked Hutch if he could hook the generator up to power the entire office since it is only partially connected. Hutch said it will require a bigger transfer switch.

Norman adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm. David seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,
Carolyn Nye