

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022

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: Hutch Gagne

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

Treasurer's Report was handed out.

Norman went to Gene Turners home to have him sign the agreement between the Selectmen and Gene Turner agreeing that Gene Turner could graze his cows on Town Property, and he would remove the temporary fence by October 15, 2022.

Norman attended the Shirley School Board Meeting on September 12, 2022. Kelly MacFadyen explained that tuition for the Shirley elementary children is \$15,000.00 and \$11,200.00 for the ninth through twelfth grade. This coming year it will be around \$80,000.00 versus \$178,000.00. Norman asked how much it would cost the Shirley school kids to go to Guilford and she told him \$160,000.00. The selectmen agreed it is best to keep the Shirley school kids going to school in Greenville.

Risk management from MMA came and inspected a couple of buildings. They found in the furnace room for the Town Office is missing a panel door. Norman will fix it. There was a box and filing cabinet blocking the outside door that was moved away from the door. The exit sign had been covered up and now it can be seen. In the kitchen at the Town Hall, they have a gas heater which needs to have a propane gas detector that Norman will get. A piece of siding from the building has blown off and will need to be replaced.

Ed Gagnon called Norman letting him know that the residents on the Blanchard Road would like him to plow from where the tar stops to the slate road. Norman told him he needs to have commercial liability insurance to protect the town. Ed said he will investigate it.

David went to the meeting in Dexter for Broad Band. David said the committee is looking for a grant. The choices are Premium Choice or Consolidated communications. He will continue going to the meetings.

Hutch inquired as to why the homestead Exemption is at \$24,250.00 versus \$25,000.00. Norman explained that the town valuation is not at 100 percent. Hutch wanted to know what could be done. Norman said the town would have to do a revaluation of all the Shirley properties which would be costly at this time. David explained that the State won't step in until we go 70 percent or lower of what the state assesses the Town of Shirley.

The selectmen discussed that they are not seeing building permits on many of the properties with construction going on. They agreed the building permit states that any resident building needs to have a copy posted on the property so it can be visible. Norman asked Carolyn if she will put into the packets of Town information for any new resident a reminder if they have a building permit it needs to be visible or their property.

Hutch asked when the Upper Shirley Corner Road would be fixed where it is rough.

Norman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Kirk seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by
Carolyn Nye