

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023

Norman Beckwith called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Calling of the Roll

Selectmen: Norman Beckwith, David Thorp, Kirk Hamilton

Secretary: Carolyn Nye

Guests: Brian Turner, Dennis Lisherness, Anne Lisherness, Deborah Clark, Mike Clark, David Chartier, Bill Nye

David made a motion to accept the minutes of February 8th, 2023, as written. Norman seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman spoke to Peggy about the piece of property that Scott Harding is going to subdivide into 100 to 150 acre lots. Peggy said that those lots do need to be approved by the Planning Board because it is in shoreland zoning.

Kirk asked Bill if they got the zoning figured out for the commercial kitchen. Bill said the planning board believes the zoning map came from the comprehensive plan which is marked with a red dot indicating a commercial zone only allowed on route 15.

Norman said that because the commercial kitchen would be used as a marijuana business the Shirley Marijuana Business Ordinance states it must be on route 15. Bill said the residents are okay as growers of marijuana because they started growing prior to the marijuana ordinance but if they expanded into a commercial business it would have to be on route 15.

Kirk stated he thought the only zoning in Shirley was Shoreland Zoning. Bill told Kirk that in the comprehensive plan map it is listed as commercial zoning.

David said there is no other zoning in Shirley only shoreland zoning which is mandated by the state of Maine. David explained further that the comprehensive plan that was voted on by the town's residents is more of a plan as to where the Town of Shirley sees itself in 20-40 years.

David Chartier spoke to the selectmen regarding the residents on the southern end of the Blanchard Road. David and the residents would like the Town of Shirley to plow that part of the road during the winter instead of them having to pay a fee to Ed Gagne who is currently plowing it. Norman told David that he would have to write up an article and have the selectmen put it into the Town Warrant to be voted on by the residents at the next Annual Town Meeting to be held sometime in June.

David asked Carolyn to call Foss Enterprise to remind them to start putting the porta potty down at the picnic area in May.

David spoke to the Selectmen about his position as the health officer for the Town of Shirley. He explained to them that MMA does not recommend a selectman taking on this position. David recommended Mary Nye for the position. He has spoken with her, and she is qualified as being a Registered Nurse and keeps her RN License current.

Kirk made a motion to accept Mary Nye as the Shirley Town Health Officer. Norman seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. David seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,
Carolyn Nye