

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023

Norman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Calling of the roll

Selectmen: Norman Beckwith, David Thorp, Bill Nye

Secretary: Carolyn Nye

Treasurer: Vera Davis

Guests: Gene Turner, Tiffany, Gene Turner Jr., Nick Hanson, Linda & Kirk Hamilton, Derek & Crystal Stimpson, County Sheriff

Norman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of June 28, 2023, as written. David seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Fire Chief from Monson said they had 1 call from the Town of Shirley. They received a grant for \$53,000.00. Weyhauser purchased them an ATV. They received another \$10,000.00 for other projects.

The Treasurer received some items from the auditor that needed to be scanned onto the Town of Shirley Letterhead. Carolyn will email it to the auditor. The warrant was passed out and signed by the selectmen.

Norman has the bill for Larry Stanley to replace the Town Hall roof. Larry wrote up the contract and forgot to add \$2,000.00 for ice and water shield. The \$2,000.00 was included in the total bill of \$38,500.00.

Vera will be taking over the Town of Shirley Tax Lien's at the end of 2023.

Geneva says the town must pay her for the Tax Acquired property at 35 North Rd. for taxes and fees of \$7,527.31.

Norman said according to the State of Maine a realtor can take 6% of the total sale of a house for fees for showing and fixing things. This discussion has been tabled until the next selectmen meeting.

There was a discussion about Linda continuing to get her same pay as treasurer \$307.69 biweekly until Vera and Linda are completed with training.

Norman made a motion to continue paying Linda \$307.69 biweekly for training Vera. Bill seconded. Motion passed 2 yes and 1 abstained.

Norman will call Paul Brown from the state to come help with putting out a bid for the repairs from the dump to route 15 on the Upper Shirley Corner Rd.

MMA says that holding an Annual Town Meeting on a holiday is not a problem if the Town has not voted on this in the past.

There was a question asked about how much the selectmen can spend on items they sell that belong to the town. At the Annual Town Meeting on June 18, 2018, article 34 was read to see if the town will vote to set a dollar amount on how much the selectmen can sell items that belong to the town without going to a town meeting exempting tax acquired properties. This vote will stand until voted on again. The article was accepted, and the amount was \$1,000.00.

Penquis thanked the Town of Shirley for the donation of \$700.00.

David would like to get a price to see how much it will cost to build a gazebo down at the pond. Norman asked David to investigate this.

David would like to see if the wooden posts on the new ATV signs could be replaced by metal stakes donated by the town. David will check into this.

Gene wanted to know why there were surveyors up on the town property located at the Upper Shirley Corner Rd. Norman said they hired a surveyor to survey the town property. Gene said they went all around his property. Norman said they were only surveying the town property. Gene said witnesses watched him walk down route 15. Norman told Gene they may have walked that to make sure he had the right coordinates. David said he will call the surveyor.

Norman asked Gene if the selectmen had permission to walk the property line. Gene said he has no problem with Norman or Bill. Gene says there was a C130 that flew over his house checking his property. He believes the complaints came from the Town Office.

At some future meeting Gene would like to discuss having the trash removed from his property. He brought in the EP this week. There is a lot of demolition that is not his that was buried on his property from the trailer park. Norman said that has nothing to do with this board it was done a long time ago. Gene said when they cleaned up the trailer park, they smashed oil barrels and tucked them over on my side of the property line and you go a little further down the property line there is a big pile of PVC pipe that is jammed under a big rock. Norman told Gene that he would have to get his lawyer and see what he finds, and the town can go from there. David said he will give Dave Mosher a call.

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Bill seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Submitted by,
Carolyn Nye