

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2023

Norman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Calling of the roll:

Selectmen: Norman Beckwith, David Thorp, Bill Nye

Secretary: Carolyn Nye

Guests: Linda Hamilton, Jeff & Carol Mace, Nick Hanson, and the Town Manager of Monson Bill Macdonald

David made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of June 14, 2023, as written. Bill seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Town Manager of Monson, Bill Macdonald asked the selectmen to sign a one-year contract with the Monson Fire Department and the Town of Shirley from July 1st to June 30th. The Town of Monson will send the Town of Shirley 60 days' notice before the contract ends. All 3 selectmen signed.

Marc put up new ATV signs on both ends of the Railroad Tracks and the CC Road.

A surveyor will be here Thursday to survey the Shirley Town Property at 141 Upper Shirley Corner Rd.

Linda said she has no problems with handing over the books and paperwork to the newly elected Treasurer Vera Davis.

The Treasurer's Warrant was signed by the selectmen.

Larry Stanley will be shingling the roof at the Town Hall soon.

Jeff Mace was concerned with a \$5,000.00 cap that the selectmen could spend on contracts and selling town items. He felt that it was voted on by the town residents at a town meeting. Carolyn will investigate it.

Carol Mace asked how we can make it, so the town votes on contracts and not the selectmen. Norman told her that she could request to have it put into the warrant to be voted on at the next town meeting.

There were things brought to the attention of the selectmen from the residents. For instance, they feel that the selectmen have gotten personal versus professional in town matters, they feel there is animosity towards certain residents, they feel that some jobs that are done in town should be put out to bid, they feel like they can't speak during selectmen meetings without being shut down.

Nick would like to see if something could be done about the ATVs ripping up the tar at the intersection of the Railroad bed crossing. Norman will speak to the ATV Club.

Bill made a motion to have Norman as Chair of the Selectmen. David seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Norman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by,
Carolyn Nye