

Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2023

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

Calling of the roll

Selectmen: Norman Beckwith, David Thorp, Bill Nye

Secretary: Carolyn Nye

Guest(s): Ryan LaPlante, Gene Turner, Tiffany Ellison, Derek and Crystal Stimpson

David made a motion to amend the meeting minutes from September 20, 2023.

Wording needed to be changed from Warranty Deed to Quit Claim Deed. Bill seconded.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan LaPlante Fire Chief from Monson Fire Department came to clarify an incident that happened on August 28, 2023. There was talk that the Monson Fire Department did not respond to the call on August 28, 2023. Monson Fire Department had notified the Sheriff's Office months ago with a letter notifying them that they were taking care of Fire Services for the Town of Shirley. Dispatch had failed to call out Monson first and had called out Greenville Fire Department. Greenville refused to take the call and told dispatch to call Monson Fire Department. Monson was called out to assist Northern Light Ambulance for lift assistance. The Monson Fire Department has responded to 6 calls for the Town of Shirley. They have had 2 medical calls, 3 fire calls and 1 control burn. Ryan presented to the selectmen the Monson Fire Department call logs detailing the call, the reason, and the time they arrived. He said they have 4-5 people on call every day. They will give the selectmen a report every 3 months.

Eric Crabtree is the one who supervises anyone at the school who does community service.

Marc Constatine from the ATV Club said they want to put money in the ATV budget to clean up the picnic area, fix the tar, plant some grass, paint the picnic tables and gazebo.

Norman said he put a load of gravel up next to the tar when you come off the south side of the railroad tracks. Norman said it still needs a load or two of gravel to flatten it out because of a hump and Marc said he will take care of it.

Norman also spoke to Marc about the ATV Trail that comes onto Blanchard Rd. Instead of fixing it at an angle it should come out as a straight trail.

The Town of Shirley got paid back a grant for replacing the light bulbs in the Town Office with LEDs for \$1,162.55.

Crystal wanted to know about using the Covid Relief Fund on internet services for the town. Norman said it's been spent fixing the Town Hall Roof and was approved at the Town Meeting this year. She also wanted to know what happened to the money that was being spent on the cemetery sign. Norman said it is still in the process of being completed.

Gene wanted to know what steps needed to be taken to have Norman and David removed as selectmen. Norman said he would have to get a petition, he needed to have 10% percent of voters signature from the last gubernatorial race, and then a special town meeting. Gene said he will come to the town office for more information.

David made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm. Bill seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,  
Carolyn Nye