

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
November 1, 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): Derek & Crystal Stimpson, Monson Fire Department, Tom Taliento, David Chartier

Norman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from October 18, 2023, as written. David seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

David went to the Post Office and cleaned the green on the windowsills using water and bleach.

The County Commissioners ruled the Town of Shirley must plow the Blanchard Rd for winter maintenance. The Town of Shirley must plow from Blanchard/Shirley Town line to Bunker Brook Hill on the South Side.

The selectmen would like to have Arvo Korsman plow the Blanchard Rd. Arvo currently plows for the Town of Blanchard. He charges \$10,000.00 per mile. It will cost the Town of Shirley \$15,750.00 for him to plow a mile and half on the Blanchard Rd.

There will be a Special Town Meeting on Thursday November 9th, 2023, at the Town Hall at 6:00pm to ask the Town Voters to spend \$15,750.00 to plow the Blanchard Rd.

There was a discussion among the selectmen regarding Norman fixing the turnaround at 91 Blanchard Rd.

David made a motion to allow Norman to fix the turnaround at 91 Blanchard Rd. Bill seconded. Motion carried 2 yes and 1 abstention.

Karen Jodrey would like to see cats registered as dogs have to be registered. She feels cats should not be allowed to run loose onto someone else's property without the homeowner's consent. Karen would like to see the Town of Shirley get a new Dog Officer. Karen has filed a complaint against the current Dog Officer Joe Guyotte.

David will be meeting with the ladies from the State of Maine. The ladies will be testing forever chemicals at the old sewer dump site on Thursday November 2, 2023.

The Monson Fire Department was in attendance to discuss the control burn that was conducted in the Town of Shirley on route 15.

The Monson Fire Department stated that the County of Piscataquis, DOT, the Sheriff's, and forestry all knew about the control burn. There were a total of 12 people working the control burn. There were 3 high ranking officers there to keep control of 3 areas with hoses and they also had traffic control. Anything with Hazmat was pulled out of the building including metal. There was no lead paint in the building everything was pine board. If the Town of Shirley needed a ladder truck for a structure fire the County Dispatch will call local municipalities to respond. The Monson Fire Department agreed to notify the Town of Shirley in the future if they will be conducting another control burn activity with a 7-day notice to the residents and Municipal Officers. Carolyn thanked the Monson Fire Department for their assistance in always being available to answer questions from the residents and selectmen.

Norman adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm.

Submitted by,
Carolyn Nye