

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
November 15, 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, Tom Taliento, Tim Gora, Karen Jodrey

David made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from November 1, 2023 and November 6, 2023, as amended. There was an amount quoted for plowing on the Blanchard Rd for \$15,700.00 it should have been written as \$15,750.00. Norman seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The selectmen discussed the turnaround on the Blanchard Rd.

Karen Jodrey is still upset and feels the Dog Officer is not addressing her concerns with a neighbor's cat who is getting onto her property without her consent and teasing her dogs. Karen wants to see an advertisement in the newspaper that the Town is looking for a new Dog Officer. She feels that he does not do his job and he does not show up when he says he is going to.

Norman asked the selectmen if they should put an ad in the newspaper. David suggested they speak to the Dog Officer first before making that decision. David also suggested that they invite him to a selectman meeting to discuss the issue. Bill suggested going into executive session to speak to him one on one.

Norman made a motion to put an advertisement in the newspaper that the Town of Shirley is looking for a new Dog Officer. Bill seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Karen was concerned that an item she wanted on the selectmen agenda was not on the current agenda. Karen feels that anyone with an issue and wanted it on the agenda should be allowed to do so. Carolyn explained to Karen that for an item to be put onto the current agenda the item needs to be put on a week before the selectmen meeting not a few days before. Carolyn further explained that Maine law states a selectman meeting agenda needs to be posted 7 days prior to a meeting.

Tim wanted to know if the handrails at the Town Officer were going to be fixed because he has gotten splinters in his hand. Norman said he will be taking care of it.

Norman adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Carolyn Nye