

Selectboard Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024

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): "Jim" Touloupalis, Floyd Hartford

David made a motion to accept the select board meeting minutes of April 29, 2024, as written. Bill seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

David had a concern about the bid from Pike Industries. Pike had in the bid to pave the town office parking lot. David mentioned that after he and Norman had spoken to Pike it had sounded as if Pike wasn't interested in doing the parking lot. Norman said Pike told them he was going to speak with Stan Kitchens to see if he was interested and if he was interested pike will pay him out of the bid amount.

Norman said that Monson's Fire Department elected a new Fire Chief. Norman expressed many times that he was not in favor of going to the Monson Fire Department and Town Manager and pestering them about getting a quote for Fire Protection Services at this time. David felt that the select board should not rush into any decision regarding the Monson Fire Department. He feels we should wait to see if they respond with a contract for fire protection services at the next select board meeting.

Norman did get a quote from the Greenville Fire Department. Norman would like himself, David, and Bill to set up a meeting with Greenville Fire Department and Town Manager to discuss the contract for fire protection services. David and Bill agreed to have a meeting with the Greenville Fire Department and Town Manager. Norman will set up the date and time.

Norman has the items to fix the handrailing at the town office. Norman will ask Scott Phillips if he is interested.

Norman says the town hall and fire station trim needs to be painted and the town hall sign needs to be repainted. Norman would like to put money in the budget for these projects. Bill would like to see quotes for these projects. Norman and David agreed.

The selectmen set a date for the second budget meeting to be held on Wednesday May 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Shirley Public Library.

Bulky Waste Day will be held on Saturday May 25, 2024, from 8:00 am until full on the south side of the R.R. Tracks.

Norman would like Mark Freeman to sweep the Town Roads.

Norman said there are trees down on Blanchard Rd. He would like to take his backhoe and move them. David said that will be okay and all he needs to do is push them off to the side of the road and let the residents take care of them.

The TRIO program that the town office, tax collector and assessor Ellery uses is outdated and will need to be upgraded to a web-based program. Carolyn will get with TRIO and the IT guys at API to get more information.

Norman signed the contract for putting cameras in the town office.

David would like all bids or proposals emailed or mailed to the town office instead of being delivered to a select board member or town official.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Nye-Town Clerk