

Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 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): Vera Davis, Ruth Huettner

David made a motion to accept the select board meeting minutes of May 1, 2024, as written. Bill seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman received from the Greenville Town Manager and Fire Chief a 3-year contract starting at \$14, 011.61 with a 3% increase for the second and third year.

Geneva was sent by email from the Town of Monson interim Town Manager a one-year Fire & EMS Contract for \$16,000.00.

Bill made a motion that the prior vote to go with the Town of Monson fire protection services with a 3-year contract from April 17, 2024, select board meeting become null and void. David seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

David made a motion to go with the Greenville Fire Department for fire protection services with a 3-year contract. Norman seconded. Motion carried 2 in favor and 1 abstention.

Vera says that anyone other than a contractor who wants to do work for the town must be on the Town of Shirley payroll.

Norman will be taking down the road load limit signs.

Norman asked Carolyn to call Foss and have them deliver a portable toilet before Memorial Weekend and have them place it on the Right-hand side of the RR Tracks by the telephone pole.

Norman wants someone to ditch on the Upper Shirley Corner Rd before they put tar on it. Norman says it will cost about \$15,000.00 for someone to ditch it. It will come out of this year's 2023-2024 future roads account. Norman said there will not be a quote, only an invoice for this job. Norman will speak to Jordan Belmont, Chris Roberts, and Mike Theriault to see if anyone of them is interested in doing the ditching.

Norman wants to remove rocks from Blanchard Rd to help whoever is going to do the grating. David said that is okay.

Norman will be taking care of trees on the Lower Shirley Corner Rd, two trees on the Upper Shirley Corner Rd.

David presented a new form for a select board member doing town work to fill out to make it easier for the treasurer and auditor. They would like the form to be filled out during a select board meeting to keep track of which jobs the person will be doing. Norman felt that it was unnecessary for him to fill out the form because he feels the time sheet that he uses is adequate and he does enough paperwork.

Norman asked Vera how much was in the town hall expense. Vera said there is \$1,000.00. Norman is looking at having someone replace the town hall doors. He is not sure what the cost or how much labor will be. Vera suggested he put in an article in the warrant to be voted on during the town meeting.

David made a motion to increase the hourly rate for the secretary from \$16.00 to \$17.50. Norman seconded. Motion carried 2 in favor and 1 abstention.

Carolyn presented to the select board a Town of Shirley Correspondence Policy to be signed by the selectmen. The policy states that all town business must be either mailed or emailed to the town office not to be given to any town selectmen or town official. All three select board members signed the policy.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday June 17, 2024, at 6:00pm in the Town Hall.

Norman adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Nye-Secretary