

Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 29, 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): Bill and Julie Fortin, Tim Gora, Tom Taliento

David made a motion to amend the meeting minutes from May 15th, 2024. The word Monday needed to be added to the line about the Annual Town Meeting. Bill seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

David made a motion to add an article to the warrant asking the town to give the selectmen permission to sell the property at 141 Upper Shirley Corner Road and to say this vote shall stand until voted on again. Bill seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman said to replace the town hall doors it will cost \$7,000.00 and another \$3,000.00 for labor.

David made a motion to put into the town warrant an article asking the town permission for \$10,000.00 to replace the town hall doors. Bill seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The selectmen discussed how much they were looking to take out of surplus to help with taxes. David suggested \$100,00.00. Norman was hoping for \$200,000.00. They called Vera to find out how much they could take out of the surplus. Vera will call the auditor to find out how much can be taken out.

The selectmen discussed replacing the culverts on the West Road.

Norman said Jordan will be starting the ditching on the Upper Shirley Corner Road on Monday.

Norman was concerned with supervising the work that needs to be done on the Blanchrd Road with FEMA. Norman feels his road commissioner wage of \$100.00 will not be enough to cover the time he would like to get paid more.

David said he will call Deb and ask her who tracks the expenditures. Deb told David to keep track of all wages, mileage, and time spent working on getting FEMA information because FEMA will compensate.

Norman is looking at grading and adding gravel to the Blanchard Road.

Norman said that when Mark Freeman swept the roads, he didn't get all the dirt off the culverts on the Upper West Road so they put sand on them. David said Mark missed 50 feet coming on Blanchard Road around the curb again. Norman is concerned with the culverts and feels like they should be dug up and replaced, which is going to cost a lot. The selectmen discussed this issue and decided to leave them alone for now.

Bill reminded Norman that Mark Freeman and Jordan Belmont have not turned in their certificate of liability. Carolyn explained that they are working for the Town of Shirley and must carry certificate of liability because if there is an accident or damages and they don't have this information then it will fall onto the Town of Shirley to pay for any damages or accidents and the Town of Shirley can be sued. Norman said he will speak to Mark and Jordan.

The Selectmen discussed Josh Gould and why he was cutting the grass before his contract start date of July 1st. Norman wanted to know how this should be handled. David said Josh shouldn't be doing anything without his contract signed by the selectmen and Josh also needed to show his certificate of liability. David reminded Norman that Nick is responsible for the mowing of the town and cemetery until June 30th. Norman went on to explain that Nick did not take care of what he was supposed to with cleaning up the first of summer and he did not clean the trees out of the cemetery and didn't do what he was supposed to last year. Norman said Josh did half of what Nick did not finish. Carolyn asked Norman if he had spoken to Nick regarding the issue and Norman said no. Norman said he will speak to Josh about getting his paperwork turned in. Bill said he will speak to Nick about the mowing.

Bill Fortin was there to discuss his issue with the Town of Shirley and the Marijuana Business License. He wanted to know why the O'Connor's went to the planning board to get their paperwork signed when they should have gone to the selectmen as the Marijuana Ordinance states. The O'Connor's paid the State of Maine for 1,500 square feet and paid the Town of Shirley for 500 square feet when they should have paid for 1,500 square feet. Bill feels it is up to the selectmen to fix this clerical error because he has been paying for his fair share for 3 years. Bill would like the selectmen to call the State of Maine and investigate how they can get this situation fixed. The selectmen agreed to investigate this matter.

Norman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Nye-Secretary