

Select Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2024

Selectman Bill Nye called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Calling of the roll

Selectmen: Bill Nye, Nick Hanson, Barry Bateman

Secretary: Carolyn Nye

Treasurer: Vera Davis

Guest(s): Moosehead ATV Riders club member: Marc Constantine, Many residents in attendance from the Moosehead ATV Riders Club, Town of Greenville and the Town of Shirley

Bill made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from July 24 as written. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The selectmen discussed the 3 mill rates for 2024. They all agreed to 16.7. Barry made a motion to accept the mill rate of 16.7. Nick seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

The Cannabis Policy was tabled.

The Boston Post Cane Award was tabled.

Bill Fortin asked the selectmen if a letter was sent to the O'Connor's requesting, they pay the Town of Shirley for the clerical error which they need to pay \$1,000.00 for the square footage not the \$500.00 they have paid. He says they paid the State of Maine \$1,000.00 therefore they need to pay their fair share to the Town of Shirley. This issue has been going on for the past 2 years and he will be going to a lawyer to have this resolved.

Nick explained to Bill that Dennis had brought in his paperwork and it was for 500 square feet which he had paid. Then Bill went onto to state that Dennis had not paid for the previous years. Bill Fortin was not satisfied with the answer.

The selectmen talked about their current wage, and all agreed they should all be getting paid 1,800.00. Bill made a motion that all 3 selectmen wage be 1,800.00. Nick seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

The road work bids to replace 2 culverts on the upper west road, shim on the sides of the road on the upper Shirley corner road to the sand yard, the intersection of the lower Shirley corner road and the beginning of the north road and 14 driveways has been tabled.

Vance Lambert will be doing roadside mowing on the sides of the Shirley roads soon.

Norman wanted to know why the porta potty had been removed from the town property next to the B&A railroad bed. Norman said money for the porta potty had been raised at town meeting for the porta potty and the ATV association agreed to pay half of the bill to have it there for a year. He went on to remind the select board that the ATV club spent \$7,000.00 to fix the area down at the picnic area.

Bill told Norman the town did not vote specifically for the porta potty it was not a specific line item.

Norman said it was discussed at a select board meeting before the budget meeting. The selectmen voted to put the porta potty there for a year.

Norman asked Bill if he had spoken to Marc and Bill thought Nick had spoken to him. Nick said he had spoken to Marc only about enforcing the speeds and getting people to obey the rules. Nick said he had seen that Marc was out a few weeks ago speaking to the ATV's and noticed the speeds had gotten better. Nick said he has spoken with the IFW game wardens and the Sheriff's Department, and they told him they don't have the manpower.

The residents in attendance voiced their opinions and felt the Town of Shirley needs better communication with the ATV and Snowmobile Clubs, they felt that the vehicles in town do not obey the speed limit, the log trucks make just as much noise as the ATV's, they suggested putting up more signs and cameras to warn the ATV's they are being watched.

Mark said the ATV Club would be willing to pay for the porta potty if the Town of Shirley would be willing to give them permission to place it on the town property.

Bill made a motion that if the ATV Club was willing to pay for the porta potty, they would be allowed to place it on town property. Nick seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman wanted to know who was going to plow the parking lot for the residents who live on the B&A railroad bed. Bill said that it will be taken care of.

Norman then asked who's going to clean up the garbage. Barry said it will be taken care of every Thursday.

Animal Control Officer Gary Scavette was in attendance to introduce himself. He's currently the ACO in the Town of Abbott and with the Town of Monson. He has gone through the training. He is willing to work with the Town of Shirley and is looking forward to speaking more with the Select Board.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Nye-Secretary