

Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2021

Meeting called to order by Selectmen Norman Beckwith at 6:00pm

Calling of the roll

Selectmen: Norman Beckwith, David Thorp, Kirk Hamilton

Treasurer: Linda Hamilton

Guest: Hutch Gagne

Norman made a motion to accept the minutes as written. David seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman and David went to the County Commissioners meeting on November 6, 2021. The County Commissioners made a motion that they were not going to interfere with the towns vote on Article 36 at the Annual Town Meeting held on June 28, 2021, "to see if the town will vote to continue to plow the southern end of the Blanchard Road". The vote was opposed by the residents.

Tom Taliento emailed the Town Office asking if we could change his statement from the Special Town Hearing Minutes from "he has always accepted the road as the way it is" to "I accepted the road as it always was."

Norman made a motion to change Tom Taliento's statement. David seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Carolyn asked if the town office could get a new vacuum cleaner because the current one is outdated, and they cord is falling apart.

Kirk made a motion to buy the town office a new vacuum cleaner. Norman seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Gora asked Norman to remove the slate from the end of his driveway when it was put there because his driveway was going to be used as a turnaround for the snowplow. The selectmen discussed and agreed that it would be in their best interest to have Carolyn write up an agreement signed by Tim Gora giving the Town of Shirley permission to remove the slate from the end of his driveway.

Norman was asking for suggestions on what can be done at the Town Hall walls to eliminate the echoing during town meetings and hearings. The suggestions were keeping the curtains closed or use panels on the walls as they do in the cafeteria at the Greenville school. Linda will investigate where the school got the panels.

Linda has finished submitting the requested information to the American Rescue Plan Act which is the Local Fiscal Recovery Program for the state of Maine. It has been approved and the town will be getting close to \$23,000.00. The town can spend that amount on replacing public sector revenue for employees who lost wages during the covid pandemic, or investing in water and sewer, or Broadband infrastructure and technology.

Linda will be looking into what it will cost for updating the current computer trio program for taxes, vehicle registrations, accounting and accessing.

Norman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kirk seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by,  
Carolyn Nye