

**Selectmen Minutes  
Town of Newburgh**

**DATE: 11-02-2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**   X   Leonard (Bud) Belcher,   X   Renee O`Donald,  
  X   Stanley (Skip) Smith,   X   Cindy Grant

**WARRANTS: AP #69 = \$1,506.40, PY #71 = \$5,895.98, AP #72 = \$ 5,360.82, AP #73 = \$2,483.25,  
AP #74 = \$8,880.22, AP # 75 = \$885.50, PY # 76 = \$3,836.11 AP# 77 = \$ 116,430.37  
All warrants approved 3-0 as written above**

**MINUTES:** 9-1-2015, 9-14-2015, 10-5-2015 – All minutes approved 3-0 for the noted dates

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

1. Fire- 5 calls since 9/30 reported by Linda Hamilton.
2. Rescue- Kelly Hamilton reported that there were 12 calls. Selectman Belcher requested that the numbers be split out to show which are for Newburgh, Dixmont, etc. There was discussion about the fact that Newburgh does not receive any funds for calls for other towns. Cindy updated the Board that Rescue has been approved for \$1,072 for jackets for the crew with reflective material on them. These jackets are replacements for ones that are worn out. The jackets will be monogrammed.
3. Roads- Cindy presented a design for Dahlia Farm Road from Sewall. The Board requested that Cindy have Jeff from Sewall come in to go over cost estimates. Bud said he and Brent looked at a crushed culvert on the Kimball Road. They agreed to hold off until spring and look at it again. Spot grading has been done as needed.
4. Recreation – Zumba class will now be done under Recreation and payments will be handled through the Town Office. It was requested that they be able to set up some type of babysitting service. Cindy will look into the legal part of a babysitting service. Kelly reiterated that Newburgh Day went very well, but there is always an issue of needing more volunteers to man these events. There was a suggestion to do a “trunk or treat” event for next Halloween. The annual craft will be held on 11/14. There will be a new Town of Newburgh Facebook page. Kelly also requested that the Board consider getting either a BJ’s card or Sam’s Club membership. She explained that when purchasing food for events, it would be much cheaper to get it at Sam’s, but without a Town membership, the tax-exempt status is not able to be utilized.
5. Library – The new shelving is all painted, now it is time to reorganize and move forward to set up the second room for library. Cindy said that there will be a meeting with all involved in the library to determine a plan to set up the new room. Rep. Jim Davitt noted that the inmates at Charleston Correctional occasionally are able to help with painting or construction projects. Jim said he would do what he could to get Newburgh on the list. Cindy noted that she had Penobscot County inmates lined up for this past September to do some painting at the Fire Station, but they had to cancel. There was discussion about possibly having the gym painted and the floors need to be stripped and waxed.

6. Town Managers –

- Fire Pond- Town Manager Grant reported that Al Babcock had to cancel out on this job as he has a big job going on in Ellsworth, so Cindy has reached out to MJ Construction and is waiting on a quote to complete the dry hydrant project. There was discussion about next year bush-hogging around the pond and cleaning it up. This would need to be budgeted into the next budget session.
- Loan update, Town Manager Grant informed the Board that the \$2,000,000 loan funds have been deposited into our account with Machias Savings Bank. Because of insurance purposes, all but \$75,000 has been moved to a money market account.
- Concentra Medical will now be our preferred provider for any workplace accident. The Board agreed to move forward with this.
- Old Mudgett Rd 911, Due to the fact that you cannot go all the way through on this road, Galen Hamilton, 911 Addressing Officer and Town Manager Grant discussed either designating East/West or changing one end of the road's name. The Board agreed to go with East/West.
- Monthly Reports were distributed to the Board
- Eagle Security Contract – The Board reviewed the contract and gave Town Manager approval to sign the contract.
- MRC & PERC Update – Cindy updated the Board on a meeting she attended last week regarding contracts between MRC and PERC. MRC was established to work for the municipalities and that is who our contract is with. Our current contract expires in 2018. MRC is now trying to get municipalities to sign with them to use Fiberright instead of PERC in the future. Cindy has researched this company and finds that there is no real history to base a decision on. They are not even based in the United States. They are planning to build a plant in Hampden. There is a prototype plant in Virginia, but no other plants. The meeting Cindy went to included 27 other Town Managers from the area. There appears to be a conflict of interest with MRC as they have purchased land in Hampden and all the permits are in MRC's name for the new construction in Hampden. The question is why not keep going to PERC and why MRC, which is supposed to be non-profit has \$28 million banked and why they purchased this property in Hampden for Fiberright. Cindy said that a group of the Manager's that were in attendance at this meeting have agreed to band together to hire an attorney to go over the contract and decipher it for the towns and split the bill. There will be several more meetings before a decision is made. Cindy did say that these meetings are open to the public and the Selectmen are welcome to attend. Cindy will be attending the next meeting in Orono.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Job Description for Town Manager – Bud made a motion to accept the job description for Town Manager, Renee' seconded, motion carried 3-0
2. Town Meeting Date revisit – In order to line up with the School and State elections, the date for the next Town Meeting will need to be June 14, 2016 and recessed until June 18<sup>th</sup> .

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Audit Services - The RFP's were sent out and only one was returned. It was with Maine Municipal Services. Cindy and Skip have tried to reach Jim Wardman to no avail. The Board requested that Cindy check references with other towns that have used this service. Once references are checked

**TABLED UNTIL SPRING:**

1. Road Paving Project
2. Paving North County Rd.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. 3-0**