

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2013**

Submitted by stoddard on Wed, 05/22/2013 - 12:28pm.

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The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman, John Halter, Selectman Chairman, Harry Power, Selectman & Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Dean Huber was also in attendance.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

7:00 - Harry Power - approved a building permit for a garage on Tax Map # 421, Lot # 26 on Bailey Brook Road for Tom Welch. Tax Map # 104, Lot # 15 - Richard and LaDonna Gariepy - have been denied financing by a bank due to 2 houses being on one parcel. Harry Power researched the issue and reported that the Building Permit for the second house had an attachment that said they planning on removing the first house after their new one was completed. They planning on living in the first house until the new one was done and then they said they would be making the first building into a garage. That garage was never done. Harry said that the attachment was wrong due to the fact that there was an ordinance in the town's zoning that allowed an attached or detached building for "in-law" living space. Harry read a letter that he wrote explaining the issue to the Gariepys. The Selectmen signed the letter and Harry submitted a picture of the two adjacent buildings, along with a copy of the letter, for their property record file.

Harry reported that he has had an additional conversation with Chris Olds, Tax Map # 422, Lot # 02.11 concerning his schedule to clean up his property. He is asking for an extension to the

end of June to remove the junk and vehicles. The board approved the extension.

7:15 - Linda Clark - discuss election and appointment concerns. (See below)

**TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:**

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Three Copies Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption - necessary due to the calendar year changing prior to the final approval by FEMA.
3. Payroll Authorization for Rollin Paight (Caretaker Old Dow Cemetery)
4. May 13, Minutes, Public and Non-Public
5. Notice of Intent Map 423-Lots 110, 11
6. Notice of Intent Map 421-Lot 15

All the above were signed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Attorney Spears & Fred Ward Emails - the final sentence from Atty. Spear's email was read.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss how vacancies are filled for Planning Board, Building Committee & Auditor. Linda has contacted the Secretary of State's office concerning various open positions that have not had elected officials for them. They are 2 positions on the Planning Board, 3 positions on the Building Committee and 1 position for Auditor. Jim Coffey also said he had contacted the LGC on the issue. The Planning Board must appoint their members and it takes a quorum for the board to meet. It was noted that, with Dale Smith's write in and agreement to serve, there would be a quorum so the board can meet. They will then have to appoint members to fill in the 2 open positions.

It was decided that Richard Nicoletti should be sworn in as deputy moderator prior to the beginning of the Town Meeting as he will be moderating the meeting. Linda Clark or any Selectman can do this. Linda has made a form with a list of all the elected officials who must be sworn in. The issue was brought up at a Town Clerks' Association workshop that Linda attended. The signature list will provide documentation that all the elected officials have been duly sworn in. This swearing in usually takes place immediately following the end of the Town

Meeting. There is no record of who has been sworn in and who has not, as it is a mass swearing in. This list will allow sworn in officials to sign that they have been sworn in and the record will be placed in the appointment records of the Town Clerk and the Board of Selectmen.

1. Welfare Workshop, June 13, presented by the LGC - Jim Coffey announced he would be attending this workshop and would like at least one Selectman to attend with him.
  2. Discuss Property Tax Interest Complaint (FYI Only) - There is a taxpayer that has registered a complaint about being charged interest on outstanding taxes on lien property. Ellen Mason made a spreadsheet to explain the payments she has made and how they were applied. The taxpayer has announced that she does not want to pay any more interest.
  3. Letters of resignation from Stephen McGerty from Planning Board & ZBA were noted.
  4. Invitation from SWRPC for a regional meeting, several locations, was passed out.
  5. Low & Moderate Income Homeowners Property Tax Relief forms are available. This relief is from the State Property Tax. They are available from the Town Clerk or the Selectmen's Office.
7. Deed Notice List - 2009 taxes - list was passed out for the Selectmen's information
8. Opening Prayer - Town Meeting - Arnie Stymest reported that Brian Ayres, Pastor of the Stoddard Congregational Church, has offered to present an opening prayer prior to the Town Meeting. The board approved the request.
9. Dennis Carlisle has approached Jim Coffey with an offer to tear down and remove the debris of the child's play house next to his property on the Gould House back line. John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to allow Mr. Carlisle to remove the outbuilding and a pile of limb debris, the board approved. He will act as a volunteer much as Ed Saleski does and will be covered by the town's liability insurance.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

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#### NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

John Halter moved and Harry Power seconded to go into a non-public session at 7:55 PM under RSA 91A: 3II(e) to discuss legal issues:

John Halter - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes

Harry Power - yes

At 8:29 PM the board came out of non-public session. There was no decision made or action taken and John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

RECESS: John Halter moved and Harry Power seconded, at 8:35 PM, to recess the meeting until Thursday, May 23, 2013 @ 7:00 PM in the Gould House Red Room, the board approved. The reason for the recess is to consider any legal advice that may come from the ZBA following their deliberations with their lawyer concerning the New Cingular (AT&T) legal matter.

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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John Halter

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Harry Power

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Arnie Stymest

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### **AGENDA**

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