

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 31, 2011**

Submitted by stoddard on Mon, 01/31/2011 - 7:17pm.

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The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 Harry Power:

Mr. Power reviewed the three letters he had written (see Old Business) with the Board.

The letters will be filed in the related property record file.

7:10 PJ Lamothe:

Chief LaMothe explained the Medical Resource Agreement with Monadnock Hospital. She explained that Stoddard Rescue is under the supervision of a doctor at MCH and they help with training, TB shots and other items. Selectman Halter asked if MCH provides the meds for the ambulance and the Chief said, "yes." Chairman Holland asked if MCH set the standards and Chief Lamothe explained that there are State standards, which MCH can exceed. Chairman Holland asked Chief Lamothe to let her know when the agreement was last signed. Selectman Halter moved, seconded by Selectman Stymest, to execute the agreement. The Board approved the agreement 3-0.

7:10 Chief Lamothe then informed the Board that the cracks in the fire station wall were becoming worse. Chief Lamothe brought pictures showing the cracks and also the building drawings that were found at the Clerk's office. After a discussion it was agreed that Chief Lamothe would have a copy made of the plans and Chairman Holland would bring them to Steve Tarbox in Keene. Chief Lamothe then mentioned that there might be grants available for fire stations. Some discussion ensued as to where the ideal location would be to site a fire station. Chairman Holland moved to have the Fire Department pursue grant opportunities. The motion was seconded by Selectman Stymest and passed 3-0. Chairman Holland asked PJ about contacting Steve Tarbox and PJ said that she would do it, and email back the results. Harry Power commented that maybe we should have two engineers look at the fire station. It was also noted that the drawings for the fire station do not have an engineer or architect's stamp on them.

7:50 Patricia Putnam:

ZBA and Planning Board secretary (and Treasurer) Patricia Putnam told the Board that she wanted to register her extreme concerns over accusations made by Mrs. GrandPre' at the previous meeting that minutes and notices were not being posted. Pat Putnam explained that only twice has she failed to have minutes of a meeting not done on the same night as the meeting. Chairman Holland stated that I know you are right since they are there (email) in the morning. Pat stated that they are posted at the Town Hall, in Joan Read's office and on the Town's web site. Chairman Holland then mentioned some of the posting requirements. Pat Putnam said that she was back to defend herself and that it [Mrs. GrandPre's accusation was not fair.

Lou GrandPre' asked what complaint and Pat Putnam then read the complaint as written. Selectman Halter then asked for it to be read again, and Pat read it again. Lou GrandPre' then said minutes were only posted on the web. Pat restated that the postings were at the Town Clerk's office, the Town Hall and the website. During the discussion, it was noted by Chairman Holland that minutes do not have to be posted anywhere, just available. Lou GrandPre' mentioned being accused of the same things when he was a selectman. He commented on the posting of the grant hearing. Pat Putnam mentioned that the posting followed the letter of the law. [Grant hearing notice was published in the newspaper.] There was a discussion about why the post office is no longer used and Pat explained that they use a notebook and the posting is unusable. Selectman Halter thanked her for the explanation. It was agreed that minutes should be available per the statute. Lou GrandPre' then asked about the questions his wife asked on the 10<sup>th</sup>. He asked if there were answers. He was given a copy of the answers prepared by Jim Coffey for the Board.

8:25 Geoffrey Jones, George Preston and Ken Henniger came into the meeting. All spoke in favor of Mr. Jennison. Mr. Jones asked why the Town was evicting Gordon Jennison from his home, especially during winter. He went on to speak in support of Gordon Jennison and mentioned issues with Hayes and Ken Holland. He said that he believes that the Town is trying to make an example out of Gordon Jennison. Compliance Officer Harry Power stated that the lawyer for the owner of the property is the one doing the eviction, not the Town. Chairman Holland then stated that we sent the property owner a letter, not an eviction notice. There ensued a discussion about the attributes of Mr. Jennison, his relationship to the property owner, and other concerns. At the end of the discussion Geoff Jones said he was going to talk with the property owner. When asked, Chairman Holland stated that she would give ninety day. [for property to be in compliance.] Chairman Holland also stated that we are not picking on the owner, as was implied. Mr. Jones was told that if he can find more information to bring it back to the Board.

#### SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber, Map 402, Lot 01
2. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber, Map 108, Lot 24
3. Minutes of January 24, 2011
4. Minutes of January 24, 2011 Historical Society Grant Hearing
5. Accounts Payable Manifest

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. A written reply was received from the NH LGC concerning questions relating to potential conflicts of interest raised at the January 24, meeting. The consensus was that no conflict exists.
2. The other items in the agenda were covered by the discussion with Mr. Power.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Jim Coffey asked about distribution of CIP material with budget requests. Selectman Halter suggested not sending it to departments with budget of less than \$5,000.

At 8:48 P.M. Chairman moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Stymest, and the motion was approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

James Coffey, Administrator

Approved

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L. Holland, Chairman

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Arnold Stymest

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John D. Halter

Board of Selectmen

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