

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 9-30-2013

Submitted by stoddard on Wed, 10/02/2013 - 12:27pm.

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September 30, 2013

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman Chairman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several attended the meeting as on lookers.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 - Harry Power - Tax Map # 117, Lot # 7 on Scenic Drive for Peter & Melba Cardillo was approved for a covered deck with stairs.

Tax Map # 122 Lots # 34.1 & # 34.2 on Whitney Road for the Poodiacks was held until Geoffrey Jones has a chance to check with the State on a complaint about clear cutting. Mrs. Poodiack asked for clarification on what stakes were required by Harry to verify the location of their house.

Tax Map # 118 Lot #37 on Kennedy Brook Drive owned by Benjamin & Angelique Wilder - has several commercial vehicles and a stock pile of sand in a residential district - this situation will have to be addressed.

7:15 - MaryLou Stymest - Cemetery issues - addressing the issue of Atty. Prigge,

representing the George Cahill Family, she reported that all records indicate that the stonewalls between the Cahill property and the cemetery property are as follows:

The one on the west side of the road was torn down to shore up the surface for cars to drive down into the cemetery on and the other stone wall was left in place but the Cahills donated their side so that the Cemetery Trustees could plant memorial trees between the road and the stone wall to beautify that section of the cemetery. MaryLou Stymest planted those trees. This is in the New Dow Cemetery, established in 1984. The stone walls were on either side of the former Old South Road that ran from School Street down into the woods and onto the Cahill property. At the 2005 Town Meeting (5/11/2005), Article 22 authorized construction of a new exit road to allow traffic to exit onto Center Pond Road from where the Old South Road ended. There is no room for a ROW between the cemetery's share of the road and the stonewall still in existence. The Cahills are requesting a ROW from Mount Stoddard Road into their wood lot. This doesn't seem to involve the cemetery property. Jim Coffey will draft a response to Atty. Prigge and MaryLou Stymest will review it before it is sent off.

7:30 - Dennis Carlisle appeared with a concern about a tree that is rotting and could split off at any time. He maintains that the tree is on Town property. Jim Coffey has already consulted PSNH about the issue and their representative feels it isn't a threat to their power lines. Steve McGerty thinks the tree is on the Town's property and wants it looked into for removal. Jim Coffey and Steve McGerty will look into where it is located and if it needs to be removed.

7:40 - Ed Saleski will meet with Jim Coffey and Dave Cutter to discuss putting the reconstructed weathervane back on the Town Hall on October 1, 2013.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest

3. September 23 Minutes
4. September 23 Non-Public Minutes (2)

All above were signed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cahill Request through Attorney Prigge-Cemetery Item - see MaryLou Stymest under appointments
2. BTLA Order, PSNH v. Stoddard, and many others, regarding admissibility of DRA Utility Values.
3. Order of Notice, Northern New England Telcomm, LLC v Town of Stoddard. Copy sent to Sansoucy Engineering. Mr. Sansoucy is representing several towns in the NE Telecomm issue (FairPoint Communications)
4. Mention Sno-Bird List - Arnie Stymest agreed to draft a form to be used to report families planning on being away from their property for an added police presence.
5. Discuss Aten Road Hearing with Administrator - Jim Coffey reported that he has supplied a list of 26 abutters to the section of Aten Road under discussion. Total Notice will research the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds records to learn of any mortgages being held on abutters' properties that are 20 or less years old, in existence at the date of the petition's submittal. Total Notice will send notices to each mortgage company that is holding a mortgage. The cost for each notice is \$20, which will be paid by the petitioners. The hearing was tentatively set for December 2, 2013 at the School. The school will be consulted to learn if it is available for the hearing. Notices, for the public, will be posted at the Town Hall, on the Town's web site and in the Keene Sentinel. Harry Power asked if the resulting road status would continue to allow for only 20 subdivision lots. Jim Coffey feels that a change in status of the road (RSA231:8) would negate that agreement and any lot could be up for future subdivision consideration. Harry noted that most of the traffic along that road is almost up to the threshold where paving will be required if more car traffic comes into play with any subdivision there. It was noted that the Planning Board could establish requirements to upgrade the road if it wishes. That would not require the new road to be more upgraded than the road before it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resignation of Arnold J. Antak as Deputy Emergency Management Director. As Richard Gariepy has also resigned, Steve McGerty expressed concern that the emergency management team needs to be addressed for a director and deputy.
2. Letter from Joseph P. Van Schaick thanking the Town for its support with the Lake Hosts Program.
3. Town of Sutton, Public Hearing Notice - monopole cell tower, for 10/8/2013.
4. U.S. Census Bureau invitation to attend the SelectUSA 2013 Investment Summit hosted by President Obama. Dates October 31 – November 1, in Washington, DC.
5. Email from DES, for Harry concerning the Poodiacks property, was given to Harry.

6. Town of Hopkinton, Public Notice - cell tower hearing for 10/8/2013

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1. Steve McGerty asked the status of the renaming of the baseball field. Jim Coffey reported that he has not contacted the Faulkners yet.

2. Steve McGerty reported, for the record, that he had re-installed the thermostat in Linda Clark's office and replaced the rheostat for a standard switch to control the Hall lights.

3. Steve McGerty asked if the town could trim the trees at the entrance to Ken Hill's property. It is difficult to see oncoming traffic with the trees being overgrown. Jim Coffey will check with David Vaillancourt on trimming on Friday.

4. Steve McGerty asked on the status of the Shedd Hill Bridge repairs. Jim Coffey thought David Vaillancourt had screwed down the planks. It was reported that there is a piece of wood missing from one plank. Jim will see David about repairs.

5. Steve McGerty asked about street signs for Tigola Trail and Bailey Brook Drive - Patricia Putnam reported that the signs have been ordered.

6. Steve McGerty asked about the status of the no parking signs along Shedd Hill Road in the area of the marina. It was remembered that there was to be a visit to the area to learn the concerns, with David Vaillancourt and PJ LaMothe attending.

7. Steve McGerty discussed an invoice that the Town has paid for a conference between the Town's attorney and a private citizen. He wants the Attorney put on notice that nothing like this happens again. Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to draft a notice to the attorney involved that further charges to the town for such discussions will not occur, the board approved. Jim Coffey will contact Sam Bradley about the problem.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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ADJOURN: Arnie Stymest moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 8:06 PM, the board approved.

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

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