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Submitted by stoddard on Mon, 11/05/2012 - 6:34pm.

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chair, John Halter, Selectman, Louis GrandPre', Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several attended the meeting as on lookers.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 None

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

- 1. Accounts Payable Manifest
- 2. Minutes of November 1, 2012
- 3. Minutes of November 1, 2012-Non-Public

All the documents were signed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fairpoint Law Suit, Discuss with Administrator - John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to approve Jim Coffey to file the answer to the class action lawsuit. He told the board that there are around 30 towns that have joined the class action and Rob Upton, of Upton and Hatfield is acting as legal point man for all the towns.

- 2. Willard/Jennison reminded the board that Louis GrandPre' and he will be performing an inspection of the property in a couple weeks. Mr. Jennison has told Harry that Mrs. Willard put the parcel into his name around the first part of July. Harry could not locate any transfer for the property on the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds. Jim Coffey will research the CCRD web site for any transfer.
- 3. Harry Power cautioned that any legal advise received on the Holland Law Suit was confidential in nature and was not be given out to anyone asking for it.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Work on Tax Rate Setting after researching the state's presentation on the tax rate, the selectmen decided to have \$60,000 as the amount of unexpended balance as of 6/30/2012 to be used to off set the tax rate. They also decided to have an overlay of \$8,500. When the numbers were run, an unofficial tax rate of \$14.46 was moved by Louis GrandPre' and seconded by Arnie Stymest. Jim Coffey reminded the board that this rate is unofficial until the State Department of Revenue Administration has approved it. Jim Coffey estimates that the Tax Warrant should be ready for the Board's signatures by November 13th and the tax bills should be mailed out between November 17-20, 2012. He also said that the Town has been ready for a while now and has been waiting on The State for the remit the information.
- 2. Discuss Furniture for Relocated Offices Jim Coffey will research the available furniture for the move into the Gould House. It is well known that the Treasurer/ Administrative Assistant's desk is anchored to the wall and will not accommodate the needs of the new office. Jim will email the Selectmen the choices for their approval. The Staples Company has several offers available, which expire on 11/17/2012 so it is prudent to order the needed furniture before that date.
- 3. Discuss Oil Burner Maintenance The Fire Department furnace needs to be cleaned, etc. The selectmen agreed that Allen & Mathewson, who supply the fuel, should be contacted to perform the annual maintenance on it.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Letter from Stephen J. McGerty requesting information regarding the need to move town office functions. Jim Coffey will meet with Mr. McGerty and give him the documents he wishes. They will get together on Wednesday.
- 2. NH Civil Engineer Publication
- 3. NH LGC Local Welfare Guidelines
- 4. NH DRA 2013 Equalization Process

OTHER BUSINESS

Louis GrandPre' asked for the agenda on November 19 include a review of the

Welfare Policy in town.

ADJOURNED

Arnie Stymest moved and Louis Grand Pre' seconded to adjourn at 7:30, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

Arnie Stymest

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