

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 12-08-2014

Submitted by stoddard on Fri, 12/12/2014 - 5:02pm.

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December 08, 2014

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chairman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. A few members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Harry Power –

1. Tax Map # 408, Lot # 20 – Richard & Deborah Weaver, Route 123 North, Harry reported speaking to Richard about further cleanup of his property. Harry will let Richard know that the spring will be time enough to effect the cleanup.

2. Tax Map # 422, Lot # 4.1 – James and Donna Champney, 699 Route 9, Harry reported that he has sent a letter to the Champneys concerning the lack of a septic tank being installed, as required on their building permit allowing an apartment above their garage. Harry noted that the septic design approval for construction will expire in January, 2015 and he has not received any approval for operation, indicating that the tank has not been installed. Jim Coffey signed off on the inquiry, from the state, as a preliminary to awarding an inspection station permit, even though the septic tank has not been installed, which is a

violation of zoning regulations. Harry will follow up with the Champneys concerning the time line for installation.

3. Harry reminded the board that on page 69 of the 2014 Town Report shows the Tax Collector's Report. He noted that several parcels, in Current Use, in town have been subdivided or sold and the penalty for taking a parcel out of Current Use is 10% of the value of the property, which is a large amount of money, maybe upwards of \$10,000. He just wants the Current Use Penalty to be billed in a timely manner to help with taxes. He also asked that the Town Report show the Map# and Lot# where the penalty funds came from.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2014
4. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
5. Class VI Road Agreement/Release
6. 2 Pistol Permits

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Linda Clark was in to ask about the front door on the Town Hall. It does not shut tightly unless someone tugs it tight when they enter or pushes it tight when they leave. She reported that Ed Saleski has adjusted it a couple times but it does not shut correctly. Patricia Putnam will ask Bob Curnutte to take a look at it.

Linda Clark reported that the kitchen light remains on at all times, even though it is on a motion sensor. The Town Clerk staff shuts the light off several times a day, and thought

there is no one in the room, it turns itself back on. Cutter Construction will be notified of the problem.

Linda Clark also reported that the new LED lights on the Handicapped Ramp entrance do not shine on the stairs. Dean Huber will look into the issue and Steve McGerty will get whatever is needed for Dean to install.

Harry Power expressed concern on the amount of the Cheshire County Budget. He feels that the price for County Government is "obscene".

Joe Sarcione reported that the amount he paid for a building permit for his Carport is for a garage and that the State Assessor was by and said it was not a garage. Harry Power said he charged the amount for the garage category, as the town does not separate carports from garages. The board decided to have Jim Coffey investigate what the State defines a carport as.

Joe Sarcione handed in a form that has to be completed in order for the Forestry Department to qualify for a USDA Forest & Lands grant of \$2,000. Jim Coffey will have to fill the form out, keeping a copy for Joe and submitting it ASAP.

Joe Sarcione referred to the length of service (57 years) that Louis Clark has performed as Forest Fire Warden and Deputy Forest Fire Warden. He has talked to the Division of Forest and Lands and they are going to do something to honor Louis. Arnie Stymest remembered that the Governor's Office provided a plaque when Brian Cahill retired. It was agreed that Louis would be recognized in the 2015 Town Report. Further Town recognition will be considered by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Harry Power, Map 408, Lot 20, Junk Complaint – see Harry Power comments above.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Light Complaint from Mr. Dennis Carlisle, from town hall new lighting. Steve McGerty reported that he had driven into Mr. Carlisle's driveway and the light is kind of bright. Dean Huber will try to adjust the light downward some more.
2. Request from Southwestern Community Services for funding in 2015 and annual report. They are requesting 1% of their actual expense to town residents in the coming budget cycle (\$543.00). Investigation revealed that the town budgeted \$350.00 this year. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to approve the 1% amount for the new budget, the board approved.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Arnie Stymest requested that the board send a letter of appreciation to Joan Read, President of the Women's Fellowship for the wreaths that were placed on the Town Hall, Gould House, Davis Library, Fire Station, Police Station and each Cemetery. The board agreed and directed that Jim Coffey handle it.
2. Arnie Stymest reported that Fritz Wetherbee, on NH Chronicle, covered several places in town, including Cherry Valley and the Conscientious Objector's camp, where his garage now stands.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. ZBA Notice of Decision, Map 122, Lot 25
2. ZBA Notice of next meeting, January 15, 2015, 7:30 P.M.
3. DOT notice of project completion
4. Proposed 2015 County Budget
5. DES Environmental Newsletter
6. Conservation Commission meeting minutes for 11-19-20147.
7. NH DHHS Health Alert on Ebola

7:50 PM Non-Public Session under RSA 91A:1 11c– requested by Joe Sarcione:

Arnie Stymest – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

John Halter – yes

8:13 PM exited Non-Public Session:

Arnie Stymest – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

John Halter – yes

John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 8:15 PM, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

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