

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2017

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

Attendees included: Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Margo Santoro, Selectperson, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance. Excused was John Halter, out of state on vacation.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Geri Bailey, Library Project Update – Geri advised the board that the balance of the Davis Public Library 2015 Expansion Appropriation is \$1968.78. She proposed purchasing a water filter for \$575 and a fence, which the Library has paid 1/2 of the fee as a deposit, the balance of \$1,120. The remaining \$273.78 would be turned back to the general fund. The Board thanked Geri for her hard work on the project.

7:15 Harry Power –

1. Tax Map # 128, Lot # 05, 1502 Route 123 North for 2 high tunnel (34' X 96') green houses and a small vegetable stand. He quoted RSA 674:32 a & c and Community Planning Ordinance 4 IV #3 as the regulations that allowed for this application. The Board approved.

2. Harry read the 14 items that he has to consider when reviewing a building permit for approval.

3. Harry reported that Mr. Cardoza, off Champney Road, has a building permit that he would like to withdraw, as he is living there without a state approved septic system. It is unknown if there is water to the trailer. He will meet with Jim Coffey to draft a letter to go to Mr. Cardoza.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017
 2. P/R & A/P Manifests
 3. Appointment of Wallace R. Weaver, Sr., Deputy Forest Fire Warden
 4. Timber Tax Warrants (2) (Replacements) – originals had an error on them.
 5. Application from Aten Road Village District for use of Town Hall for their Annual Meeting - rent waived.
 6. Appointment of Karen Bell as Deputy Town Clerk
 7. Pistol/Revolver License (4)
 8. Application for use of Town Hall from Angel Nicoletti for Cheshire Village at Home. Seniors living at home support group - rent waived.
 9. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber, PSNH R-O-W – Cook Forest Products, with a road bond.
 10. Appointment of George Preston, Deputy Forest Fire Warden
- All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Joe Sarcione again inquired when Shannon's name would be removed from the Forestry Truck. He noted that it has been 11 weeks since he original requested the removal. Steve McGerty said he would place an article on the 2017 Town Warrant to raise \$1,600. to pay back the Fire Association for the expense of installing and having the name removed. Joe Sarcione was quite upset and did not want the town tax payers to foot the bill. Doug Summerton asked Joe if he would be happy if the name was removed in 2 weeks. Joe was not satisfied with that time line and wanted it off in 1 week.

2. Joe Sarcione asked the Board to urge Wallace Weaver, Sr. to attend training sessions to

be certified for the Deputy Forest Fire Warden position.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss condition of Kings Highway & logging impact – Margo Santoro requested that all Logging operations be required to post a bond for any road damage that occurs.
2. Discuss completion of Town Hall front stair railings – the railing is temporary until the weather allows for installation of a permanent one.
3. Filing with Supreme Court, Fred Ward v. Town of Stoddard, 15 day extension. The Board noted the notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence from Chairman Halter to Jim Coffey relative to electronically attending the selectmen's meeting. The board received and read the letter.
2. Keene Hazardous Waste Budget Proposal – budget for next year @ \$924.00.
3. Discuss possible solar property tax exemption for 2017 warrant. Margo Santoro was in favor of placing an article on the 2017 Town Warrant, allowing for an exemption of 100% of the investment, up to \$15,000.00 maximum for Solar Array Installations. Jim Coffey will draft an article, which Margo Santoro would like ready before the February 27, 2017 meeting.
4. Request for comments from local officials concerning the 2019-2028 Ten Year Highway Plan. Stoddard Route 9, just East of Route 123 to Hillsborough By-Pass. Margo Santoro reported that she is in favor of this restricted access plan, which J B Mack explained to the board a couple meetings ago.
5. Discuss changing meeting time on February 13, to an earlier time (or other date/time) to attend a school district bond hearing scheduled for 6:30 P.M., at the James Faulkner Elementary School. The board agreed to meet at 5:30 and adjourn at 6:15 to attend the hearing with no public input restricted.
6. Discuss Street lighting 2017 budget and possible conversion to LED lighting. Margo Santoro asked Jim Coffey to inquire if Eversource was willing to install a new light fixture at the Fire Station, where the Light fixture has failed and cannot be repaired. Jim Coffey reported that Eversource has 26 street lights in town, of which 2 have failed. Jim said Eversource estimates that it will take 18 months to realize a return on the investment for new light fixtures. The savings, over the years will be substantial with the new, cost effective fixtures. Jim Coffey said there is a grant available and he would investigate if the Town is eligible for sharing in that grant. Fred Ward said the new fixtures should be full cut off and 2500 – 3000 Kelvin color temperature to cut down on glare.
7. Letter from Fred Ward offering his services as a selectman.
8. Letter from Doug Summerton offering his services as a selectmen
9. Letter from Dean Huber offering to serve as a selectman should there be a vacancy.
10. Jim Coffey reported that Arnie Stymest verbally offered to serve until the Town Meeting but was not interested in running for the position come May.
11. Jim Coffey reported that the Trustee of Trust Funds Reports MS9 &10 will be ready for the February 13, 2017 meeting. Jim Coffey had to create an electronic format for the report as the former Trustees had none. Jim Coffey will work with Karen Bell to input the data into the form and it will be ready for the next Trustees of Trust Fund meeting.
12. Margo Santoro reported that Linda Clark has decided to change the Town Clerk's Office Hours 11:00 – 6:00 effective February 14, 2017. The sign on the town hall will have to be changed to reflect the new hours.

SELECTMENS ITEMS:

1. Steve McGerty reminded the board that he had suggested the Transfer Station be open all year on Wednesdays with the hours to be 8:00 – 12:00. Jim Coffey will investigate and build the extra cost into the next year budget.

2. Steve McGerty requested that the Sheriff's Department be instructed to call Margo Santoro instead of David Vaillancourt on any reports of missing animals. Margo reported that the last missing dog incident took 3 days to reach her.
3. Steve McGerty suggested that the police department hire an additional, part time officer, to work 1 – 2 days for 4 hours to try to slow down the traffic through town.
4. Steve McGerty suggested the letters of interest in serving as a Selectman, should there be a vacancy be filed until there is a vacancy.
5. Steve McGerty reporting that the railing on the south side of the Shedd Hill Road Bridge needs to be replaced and Jim Coffey will include it in the budget. Joe Sarcione agreed that the railing should be replaced.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NH DOT Bridge Inspection Report
3. DHHS Health Alert – A Gonorrhea outbreak has doubled in the past 2 years.
4. Lakeside Magazine, NH Lakes Assn. The issue recognizes the contributions of Joe Van Schaick for Highland Lake. Jim Coffey will include a reference in the 2017 Town Report. Margo Santoro thought a picture of a light house would be appropriate as Joe traveled far and wide to visit them.
5. Wetlands Application - Spruceland Owners Association, North Shore Road, Granite Lake. – for a dock.
6. DES, “Environmental News”
7. NH State Training, Upcoming Events – various training events for Town officials,

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 8:47 PM, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Margo Santoro

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