

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2016

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. John Halter was excused and Steve McGerty chaired the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00

7:30 – Election Officials and Ballot Clerks – Feb. 9, Primary Election- met with Mary Lou Stymest, Patricia Marotta and Jean Kelly, Supervisors of the Checklist and Steve Raymond and June Congdon, Ballot Clerks concerning the setup of the Town Hall for Primary Election. The hall will be set up on Monday, February 8th with the Selectmen meeting in a corner of the hall from 5:45 – 6:30. Then the Selectmen will adjourn to the School District public hearings. Mary Lou Stymest gave Jim Coffey a diagram of how the hall should be set up for Bob Curnutte to follow. Mary Lou is suggesting that the Town Clerk be seated on the stage to save room for the voting booths on the main floor.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: None

OPEN ITEMS: Jennifer Herne of Juniper Hill Road requested to see the notice of the Bench Trial, which was given to her to look at. The document was returned to the Board at the end of the meeting.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
 2. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 1/11/2016
 3. AIM Town Hall Use application – fees are waived.
 4. Veteran's Disability application by Kenneth Peate
- All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Log Cabin Road update from Administrator – Jim Coffey read the response that the Town has received from the Merriewood Village group. They failed to consider roads laid out by prescription. Jim Coffey recommended the town remove the gate from the road, the board agreed.
2. Bob Cat Hunting / NH Fish & Game proposal – Gary Oke announced that he has posted his property so the Bobcats will not be hunted, bated or trapped there but he expressed frustration that hunters tend to ignore posted signs. Jim Coffey suggested the town send a letter, via email, to New Hampshire Fish and Game indicating the town is against the proposed taking of Bobcats. Jim Coffey also suggested that the town post town owned property, such as Stoddard Rocks (720 acres), to prohibit the proposed hunting, trapping or bating of Bobcats.
3. Notice of Bench Trial, Stoddard v Kenneth Holland, et al – Ben and Tanya Wilder requested to speak to the board on the pending Bench Trial. The Selectmen explained that they could not discuss the issue because of the pending litigation, which is in the hands of the Attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss reduction of Selectman's salary for missed meetings. It was decided to wait until the next Board of Selectmen is installed and then institute a guideline where Selectmen will be allowed a 2 meeting vacation allotment, where after missed meetings will be docked at \$100/meeting.
2. Discuss School Public Hearing scheduled for 2/8 effect on BOS meeting – Jim Coffey suggested that the Board hold their meeting from 5:45 to 6:30 to give attendees a chance to go to the public hearing on the School Board's Budget and Bond plans.
3. Motion to Intervene by Geoffrey Jones, Stoddard CC Chair, Antrim Wind. This request was made by Geoffrey Jones personally, and not by the Conservation Commission. Margo Santoro will send Jim Coffey a copy of the letter that a former Board of Selectmen signed to support the objection to the Antrim Windmills. Margo Santoro related that the solar glare, from the blades of the windmills, that happens, however briefly, could cause accidents.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. ZBA Notice of Site Visit
2. ZBA Minutes of January 21, 2016
3. Letter from summer resident, William Johnson in support of cell towers – Mr. Johnson was supporting the construction of Cell Towers in advantageous locations in Town. Margo Santoro noted that there are 3 locations on Shedd Hill Road that are being considered for placement of future Cell Towers. The presently approved Cell Tower, located at the end of Richer Road, will be constructed in the spring to improve coverage along the Route 9 corridor and along Route 123 South.
4. Jan/Feb Town & City Magazine
5. Jan/Feb DES Environmental News
6. NH Lakes, "Lakeside"
7. Gov't Tech magazine, Artificial Intelligence
8. NH Civil Engineer Magazine

ADJOURN: Margo Santoro moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 7:47, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Margo Santoro

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