

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2017

The meeting opened at 9:00

Attendees included John Halter, Selectman Chair, 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.

### APPOINTMENTS:

1. Harry Power – Tax Map # 113, Lot # 68 – Al Jacobsen, 1030 Shedd Hill Road – pour a concrete floor in an existing pole barn. The board approved.

Tax Map # 422, Lot # 19 – Daniel Shawver, 980 Route 9 – construct a 52' X 72' building to house a landscaping business with an apartment on the second floor. Harry explained that the current Community Planning Ordinances do not allow a second residence on a piece of property, but the Zoning Amendment being presented at the town meeting will change the ordinances to allow such a residence. Harry is holding the building permit application until after town meeting. The second residence will require ZBA approval. The landscaping business will require ZBA and Site Plan approval.

Tax Map # 123, Lot # 9 – Beverly & James Cardoza, 67 Champney Road – Atty. Matt Serge has written the Cardozas a letter indicating that they are in violation of town ordinances, having installed a camper, where they are living without a building permit or a State Approved Septic System. Atty. Serge gave the Cardozas 5 days from the date of his letter (4/5/2017) to remove the camper or face fines for each day not in compliance. Harry read Atty. Serge's letter to the board.

Tax Map # 120, Lot # 3 & 14.5 – Casey Hayes, 67 Fox Run Road – letter of complaint on Mr. Hayes' activities, which appear to be a commercial junking business, without proper Zoning Board of Adjustment approval. Harry told Mr. Sears, the complainant, that he would visit the property once the snow has melted. Harry will contact Casey Hayes to ask permission to visit the site and if it is not granted, Harry will apply to the court for a visit allowance.

Harry reported that he has received several notices of expired Septic System approvals for construction. He is contacting Tom Forest, the designer of most for clarification.

### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

1. Steve McGerty asked where the street lighting project was. Jim Coffey said Eversource hadn't gotten back to him with a time frame.

2. Steve McGerty reported that he had 2 more quotes on a new floor for the Fire Station Trailing Room. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to approve up to \$3,400 to replace the floor, the board agreed.

3. John Halter read a letter of retirement from the board after 33 years of service, effective June 30, 2017. He offered to work with the board to allow a smooth transition from his retirement to the board's new members.

4. Margo Santoro expressed concern that John Halter's resignation will cause a terrible impact, due to this untimely move, on the town. The board asked John why he didn't submit his resignation in a timely manner and he said he did not have good email service on the cruise ship. When questioned as to why he did not submit it before leaving on the cruise, John said there was never an opportunity. Margo was concerned that the remaining board members would not be able to appoint a replacement member until 6/30/2017 and that candidate would miss out on 2 1/2 months of experience gathering to prepare to go into the new fiscal year.

### SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Payroll Manifest
2. Accounts Payable Manifest

3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017
4. 2018 Street Numbering Proposal from CAI
5. Application for Use of Town Hall – Friends of the Library
6. Application for Use of Town Hall – Bridal Shower
7. Application for Use of Town Hall – Historical Society
8. Payroll Authorization for Deputy Town Clerk
9. Disability Tax Credit – William Hampton
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11. Request from Stoddard Gardeners for use of Town Hall for monthly meetings from April to September.

All the above were signed with the exception of #8.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Dean Huber reported visiting the LED light installations on Marlboro Street in Keene and said they seemed dim to him.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from DES to James & Liana Poodiack for a docking structure, in which the deficiencies have been corrected. (118 West Shore Circle) The board so noted.
2. Letter from Attorney Serge to Mr. & Mrs. Cardoza.
3. Letter to John & Beth Kuehl for failure to obtain a building permit from Harry Power. Second notice. Harry read the letter and is awaiting a response.
4. Correspondence from Matt Serge commenting on the proposed warrant. The letter was passed among the board members.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter from DES, expiration of septic construction permits, Jennison - nothing was decided.
2. Notice of Foreclosure, 18 Bridge Hill Road. (Owner died 2 years ago)
3. Email/Letter from fifth grade student Cadence Manuel looking for support from the selectmen to establish a swap shop for Stoddard residents. Jim Coffey read the letter and Margo Santoro said she is the liaison with Candence. Candence is trying to establish a swap shop for free exchange of items too good to send to the transfer station but no longer needed by residents. Candence thought she might use the Town Web Site to list items available. Margo Santoro will work with her.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Copy of Forest Fire reimbursement for \$15,855.99

10:08 – Steve McGerty called for a non-public session:

John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

10:18 - The board came out of non-public session:

John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

John Halter moved and Margo Santoro seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 10:20 PM, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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John Halter

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Stephen McGerty

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Margo Santoro

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AGENDA  
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This will immediately follow the Budget Hearing.  
(9:00PM)

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