

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2016

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

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. Dean Huber was also in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Selection of Chairman for ensuing year. Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to appoint John Halter chairman for the ensuing year, the board approved.

2. Select Planning Board representative for the ensuing year. Margo Santoro moved and Steve McGerty seconded to appoint John Halter as Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board for the ensuing year, the board approved.

3. 7:00 Harry Power – Harry Power reported the following updates on issues he has been following:

1. Nancy Murdough, 3760 Route 123 North, notified Harry Power that the State Approved Septic System installation will begin the first week in June.

2. James Cardoza, Champney Road, Harry Power is awaiting completion of the survey on this property.

3. Richard Weaver, 3644 Route 123 North called Harry Power to report that he has cleaned up the items that were in the complaint that was lodged against him. Harry Power will visit the property this coming weekend.

4. Harry Power read RSA 72:61 regarding Solar Energy Systems and Wood Hydronic Heating Systems, allowing for the Town to vote to exempt up to \$15,000 in assessed value of the Solar or Wood Heating systems. He urged the board to put a warrant article in to consider these exemptions.

5. Tax Map # 139 Lot # 45 Edward, Mary & Paul Murphy, 639 North Shore Road, Harry power is waiting for a Shoreline Protection approval before issuing the building permit.

6. Tax Map # 424, Lot # 15 Nicholas & Jane Healy, 29 Arkwood Lane, 24 X 36 2 story barn, cold storage only, approved

7. Tax Map # 108, Lot # 14 Jennifer Hudziec & Seth McNally, 117 Rice Brook Drive, 20 X 22 addition, approved.

8. Tax Map # 116 Lot # 30 Alexia Currie, 188 Red Coat Lane, Solar Panels, approved.

9. Harry Power reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to have Him visit properties where Variances & Special Exceptions, when conditions, are approved, at 6 months and take pictures. If the project is not completed he is to visit the property again in 12 months. The Selectmen told him that he works for the Selectboard. The Zoning Board of Adjustment needs to send a letter requesting the compliance Officer's service for their follow ups.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. John Halter reported that his 24 X 48 barn was built in the late 1960s building and the 8 X 8 base beams have rotted. He is having the building jacked up and those beams replaced. Harry Power noted that replacement in-kind is allowed with no building permit required.

2. Steve McGerty asked if it would be wise to purchase some canned goods to have on hand in the event of an emergency in town. This is for the Emergency Operations Center and the canned goods would be stored in the basement of the Gould House. A month or so before the canned goods date expires, they would be donated to the Keene Community Kitchen or another relief agency. The board approved the purchase.

3. Steve McGerty reported the Fire Station Meeting Room floor needs to be replaced and the fire fighters are working on that project.

4. Steve McGerty said that he is in the process of purchasing blood born pathogens protective gear and he has the money in the Warrant Article from last year.

5. Steve McGerty said there is an invoice for mutual aid coverage from Southwest Mutual Aid in the amount of \$21,300. He noted that the coverage is poor at best and he will be sending a letter to the agency to ask for improved coverage. Margo Santoro reported that her Minitor seldom goes off.

6. Steve McGerty said that Jennifer Phillips-Merrill has protective clothing and he is requesting she return it to the Fire Station for storage.

7. Steve McGerty asked for a follow up on the 865 Shedd Hill Road culvert that Chris Madden reported to the board at the last meeting. Jim Coffey said David Vaillancourt will be replacing the culvert.

8. Steve McGerty asked if the budget of \$4,050 for Forestry was going to be required to have the Fire Department approve expenditures. He said Stoddard is the only town in the state that has a separate Forestry Budget. John Halter asked Jim Coffey to ask Brad Simpkins if the Forest Fire Warden needs to check with the Fire Chief prior to expending funds.

9. Margo Santoro wanted a purchase order policy instituted. Jim Coffey said there needs to be a threshold above which purchase orders would be required. Margo Santoro thought each department should have a policy concerning purchase orders.

10. Margo Santoro reported that a Sentinel article reporting that the Brush Fire costs are up to \$100,000. The Sentinel reported that the Fire Department would bill the family of the arsonist, if he is convicted. The Fire Department would not send out any invoices. The Town would handle that, if it comes down to that.

11. Steve McGerty, referring to the operational problems with the Fire Department's quad, asked if he could sell the town his side X side for \$1.00 and then, if FEMA approves the funds to purchase a replacement one, the town would then sell it back to him for \$1.00. John Halter suggested Steve McGerty rent his side X side to the town for \$1.00. The Town would put the vehicle on the town's insurance policy to cover any damage that might occur to it during the town's rental of it.

12. Steve McGerty reported that the State has passed a law that ATVs can no longer be registered to allow them to be driven on public highways. Steve McGerty noted that the Town can choose to allow ATVs to be driven on TOWN roads.

13. John Halter said there needs to be a way to keep our meetings moving and not get stalled.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2016
2. Report of Appropriations Actually Voted (MS-232) (Voted appropriations = \$1,079,112)
3. Tax Collector's Warrant, 2016, Issue 1 (Issue = \$2,053,058.95)
4. Pistol Permits (2)
5. Notice of Intent to Cut – 415, Lots 1, 6, 7. Society for the Protection of NH Forests.
6. Request from Island Pond Association to use Town Hall for Annual Meeting on 8/6/2016.
7. Forest Fire Report/Bill(s) May 12, Marlow; April 30 Alstead; May 2, Stoddard, March 12; and Training March 2

All the above were signed with Margo Santoro not signing the BOS meeting minutes because she felt the Selectmen had denied Joe Sarcione's first request for copies of maps.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Dean Huber asked who was going to pay for Harry Power's visits for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He also thought the Zoning Board of Adjustment ask the Board of Selectmen to have Harry Power go out. Margo Santoro felt the Fees for Variances and Special Exceptions should be increased to cover Harry Power's inspection visits. Harry Power read the list of duties

that he has to follow as Compliance Officer, to Dean Huber and the board. He explained that his duties include many more functions than just issuing building permits.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Stoddard School Board reversing their April decision and permitting the use of the Lucy B. Hill Room for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. The reversed decision was noted.
2. Schedule Aten Road Village District Meeting per RSA 52:2, suggest June 20. Warrant Attached. Jim Coffey suggested June 20, 2016 for the public hearing date and the board agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application for Veteran's Tax credit – approved – effective for the 2017 tax year.
2. Schedule hearing for proposed Aten Road Village District – June 20, 2016 @ 7:00 PM. Jim Coffey read the Warrant. He noted that RSA 52:1(m) lists what the board can do concerning establishing a Village District.
3. Discuss meeting schedule for Memorial Day (the 5th Monday of the month). Meeting cancelled
4. Select the Selectmen's member to the Planning Board see above – John Halter

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice from Sullivan of an application to the Sullivan ZBA for a cell tower at 19 Apple Hill Road., Map 6, Parcel 54. Applicant is T-Mobile.
2. Eversource emergency DES authorization for repairs to poles from fire. No action taken.
3. Request from Geoffrey Jones for a letter of support for a site evaluation on the Antrim Wind Towers. A letter of support of an objection to the project was written in 2012 when Louis GrandPre' was on the board. Steve McGerty objected to writing the letter just because a couple residents want it. Margo Santoro reported that the Installation Company acknowledged there could be glare from the blades that could blind drivers along Route 9 at some brief times. Dean Huber asked if there were maps of hills with towers superimposed that the board could review. It is thought that Geoffrey Jones has these maps.

Non-Public Session at conclusion of meeting, RSA 91-A:3 II. (e)

The board voted to go into a non-public session at 9:06 PM:

John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

The board voted to come out of the non-public session at 9:19 PM:

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 John Halter seconded to adjourn at 9:26, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

Margo Santoro

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AGENDA
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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