

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Submitted by stoddard on Tue, 02/25/2014 - 12:44pm.

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The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of Myron Rokoszak.

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman Chairman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Also attending were Dean Huber and David Vaillancourt.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power - nothing to discuss

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Minutes of February 3, 2014
3. Two Pistol/Revolver Permits
4. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood and Timber
5. Local River Management Advisory Committee Nomination, Paul Krampfert
6. Abatement for Donald H. Rand, Duplicate

All the above were signed.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS:

Dean Huber asked if there is anything that can be done to prevent the sand pile at Island Pond from freezing. David Vaillancourt said there isn't any chemicals that can be used so close to the water. Steve McGerty asked about tarping the pile. David Vaillancourt said he would see about it next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dates of Manifests - John Halter requested that the vendor manifests be held until Selectmen's meeting dates to avoid further confusion on approval signatures. The board agreed, noting that P/R must be paid every other week but that the board will continue to issue vendor manifests on Selectmen's meeting nights. When P/R is on a non board meeting night - the manifest will be readied and if there isn't a second board member available, the check register will be electronically sent to the absent members for approval.
2. Culvert at Granite Lake - the board met with David Vaillancourt concerning the culverts at the north end of Granite Lake. David reported that the culvert that was of concern is working but the one serving the end of the "girls camp" property is a 12" old metal culvert that has a big tree on either side of it and, though it hasn't failed yet, it should be replaced. The added runoff of a new residence's foundation drains and runoff from the roof has added enough water so that there is always water running through the culvert now. The concern is that the landowner doesn't want the trees removed and the culvert replacement will probably cause the trees to die eventually. Jim Coffey will contact Carl Hagstrom to request the blanket permit application process commence. If need be, Jim will then contact the NH Department of Environmental Services for a time line to have the permit issued.
3. Correspondence to Dr. Fred Ward from Jim Coffey - Jim Coffey read the response that he sent to Dr. Ward's email inquiry for a further meeting to discuss the Selectmen's letter closing the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget work session schedule. It was decided to have one or possibly two special work sessions to refine the budget. Jim Coffey will email the board with suggestions of dates that might work.
2. Notice from DES, Tax Map 119, Lot 4, application for septic permit
3. DES Full Compliance Evaluation Report for Carlisle Wide Plank Floors - notice of

- violations concerning their 3-phase generator.
4. Correspondence relating to recognition of Ken Hill in the next Annual Report. Jim Coffey also requested pictures to be submitted to be used in the upcoming Town Report.
 5. Correspondence from Bradley & Faulkner relating to two class action lawsuits. This is a duplicate of the material Jim Coffey has already received.
 6. Letter from the Forest Society requesting information concerning several of their properties. The Society asked for the Selectmen to indicate whether or not there were any known contaminates on several of their properties. None were known and the board signed the report for them.
 7. Application for Abatement from PSNH, request that it be forwarded to legal counsel and/or Sansoucy Engineering (assessors) for recommendation. It was agreed to have Jim Coffey send the application to George Sansoucy for his input.
 8. Donall v. Healy, et al v Town of Stoddard, suggest non-public discussion at this time, RSA 91-A: 3, II, (e)

At 8:10 PM, John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to go into non-public session to discuss possible legal action, the board approved:

John Halter - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes

Steve McGerty - yes

At 8:23 PM John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to come out of non-public session:

John Halter - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes

Steve McGerty - yes.

There was a decision and the minutes were not sealed:

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Steve McGerty asked Jim Coffey if any of the newspaper articles, recently published, were a threat to his work here in Stoddard, Jim thought not.

Steve McGerty inquired when the windows for the AA and Town Clerk's Offices are scheduled to be installed. Jim Coffey did not know and Steve suggested another supplier be found to do the work. Steve noted that the decision to replace the existing windows was made in November and this is almost March.

Steve McGerty asked where the garage door went that was in the Gould House. Jim Coffey reported that it was an odd 7' size and no one seemed to be able to use it. Bob Curnutte took it down to the recycle center.

Steve McGerty asked Jim Coffey to establish regular office hours for his work. Jim reported that most of the time he was in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday but there were certain times of the year when Wednesday was a problem, due to other commitments, which were in place when he was hired.

Steve McGerty asked when contracts are due for renewal for the Antrim Ambulance and Diluzio Ambulance Services. The town has signed a contract with Diluzio every year. The Antrim Ambulance Service's contract renewal date is in question.

Steve McGerty asked if the board was willing to open accounts with Grainger and Fastenal to allow orders to be placed with a credit card. The board agreed to have the accounts opened but the Town's credit card would not be placed on their files.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

Various publications

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 8:38, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

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