

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2017

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

Attendees included Margo Santoro, Selectperson, Christopher Madden, Selectman, Charles Fosberry, Selectman, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

### APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 David Cutter, Discuss handrails for Town Hall and final repairs to foundation and walkway railing. After reviewing pictures of a possible railing for the Town Hall, Margo Santoro moved and Chris Madden seconded to have Jim Coffey consult a contractor specializing in fencing and railings for a suggestion on the shape and placement of the railings and for a quote to complete the job, the board approved. David Cutter assured the board that the foundation and walkway railing repairs would be completed on the next 2 Saturdays.

7:20 PM Harry Power

1. Tax Map # 111, Lot # 18, Jesse Pollock, 271 Fox Hill Road, 31 Solar Panels, approved
2. Tax Map # 118, Lot # 53, Edith and John Drinkwater, 153 Kennedy Brook Drive, Garden Shed, approved
3. Tax Map # 422, Lot # 13, Global Montello Group Corp, Harry has the building permit they filed back in May, 2015. The board reviewed the application and found that the proposed expansion of the property is far more extensive than that permit indicated. The board told Harry to have them complete a new building permit application.
4. Tax Map #120, Lot # 03. Casey Hayes, 67 Fox Run Road, Harry reported that Mr. Sears, the original complainant, let him know that the certified letter Mr. Sears send to Mr. Hayes was never picked up and the Post Office returned it to him. The board asked Harry to send a letter to Casey Hayes asking him to come in and meet with the board.
5. Tax Map # 101, Lot # 39, Nancy Curran, 50 Stoddard Point Way, Harry reported that Attorney Matt Serge had sent her a letter on May 30, 2017 requiring her to remove the accumulated junk on her property within 30 days. The letter was returned as not deliverable as addressed. Harry is researching a mailing address for her.
6. Tax Map # 420, Lot # 05.1, Benjamin Wilder, Juniper Hill Road, Harry passed out pictures taken at the time of the visit to the property with Gary Kenyon and the board.
7. Tax Map # 420, Lot # 05, Lorraine Joslyn, 180 Juniper Hill Road, Harry reported that Atty. Sam Bradley had noticed that the property had some items placed on it that was not a part of the agreement when she cleaned it up. The board directed Jim Coffey to advise Atty. Sam Bradley to send a letter to Mrs. Joslyn to require her to remove those items.

7:50 Linda Clark (Request for a Non-Public Session) Upon Advise from Counsel, the board decided the matter under discussion was not Non-Public allowed. Linda Clark brought up the matter of a raise for her Deputy Town Clerk. She requested that a raise be awarded to Karen Bell, retro to the time that Karen was appointed as Deputy Town Clerk. After discussion, Chris Madden moved and Charles Fosberry seconded to award a raise to \$15.00 in the June 19th paycheck, the board approved, with Margo Santoro abstaining. Linda Clark also turned in the unregistered dog list with the citations to be issued after 7/1/2017.

### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

### SIGNED/APPROVED:

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3. Accounts Payable Manifest
  4. Use of Town Hall by the Island Pond Association
  5. Pistol/Revolver License
  6. Current Use Application for Peter Athearn
  7. Veteran's Tax Credit Application-for 2018 (1)
  8. Payroll Authorization for Dwight Conklin, groundskeeper
- All the above items were signed.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty reported that the Life Pack that the board approved purchasing for \$3,800 was bought for \$3,325. The board praised him for the savings.
2. Steve McGerty reported that he met with Senator Ward concerning the drainage at the Fire Station and she is looking into the matter.
3. Steve McGerty reported that there was a fire alarm at 84 Power Line Road and the responding fire company was out of Antrim. The Fire Pumper ran off the road while responding, causing approximately \$1,500 of damage to the side of the road. The board will expect Antrim to reimburse the town for the repair.
4. Steve McGerty requested permission to seek bids on replacing the siding and gutters on the Fire Station. Just painting the existing siding would be required yearly. The Board agreed and said the money could come from the Building Capital reserve Fund.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Supreme Court decision, Eversource/PSNH v. Stoddard, and other towns. – Jim Coffey noted that the town prevailed.
2. Correspondence from Attorney Gary Kinyon, Stoddard & Wilder – see Harry Power above – pictures were passed out to each Selectman.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss emergency bills from Veterinarians – Margo Santoro asked Jim Coffey if there was somewhere else, except under the Animal Control account that could be charged for the \$600 +/- that it cost for a dog's care, Jim said it should be charged to the proper account and the whole budget would not be over spent. There was some thought to adding a specific line for Vet bills.
2. Petition from Patrick & Kim Stack for Layout of Class VI Highway Subject to Gates & Bars. Research proves that Log Cabin Road was laid out as a Class VI highway and never rescinded. Jim Coffey said the board should set up a hearing on the petition and that all abutters have to be notified. Chris Madden moved and Margo Santoro seconded for Jim Coffey to set up a Selectmen's hearing with Atty. Matt Serge, the board approved.
3. Who authorized removing Robin nest outside Town Hall? Margo Santoro asked who authorized the removing of the bird next outside the Town Hall. Steve McGerty reported that he has authorized the removal last year and that the nest was rebuild this year. Bob Curnutte checked to make sure there were no birds in the nest and then removed it because it was blocking the light sensor that turned off the lights during the daylight hours. Margo Santoro insisted that there were eggs with partially incubated baby birds, which she found on the floor under the nest. There was some discussion on how to block the birds' access to the sensor in the future.
4. Review outsourcing of tax bills. Why do we get 5 separate envelopes to same address? Review contract from provider. Margo Santoro wanted to know why tax payers, with multiple properties, are getting separate envelopes containing tax bills. Jim Coffey explained that the tax billing contractor puts the tax bills out in about 3 days after receiving the warrant. Margo Santoro said the town clerk's office stuffed over 130 vehicle registration notices in about 2 hours. The property tax bills number over 1,700. Jim

Coffey explained that the new system, updated from the former Administrative Assistant's method has sped up the tax billing process immensely. He also explained that the postage is lower because the contractor uses bulk mail rates.

5. Property Tax Abatement Recommendations (2) from Assessor Tammy Jameson
  1. Carlisle Restoration lumber – Margo Santoro moved and Chris Madden seconded to approve denying the request, the board agreed.
  2. Thomas Burke – Chris Madden moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to approve, the board agreed.
  3. Benjamin & Diane Avera – Tammy found that the last reevaluation picked up a finished attic and full basement which were not there. Chris Madden moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to approve, the board agreed

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. NHMA Legislative Bulletin
2. Letter from DES Dam Bureau to Terry McMahon
3. Copy of letter to Town Clerk with handouts for distribution with boat registrations regarding aquatic invasive species.

Non-Public Session: The board went into Non-Public Session at 9:05 PM:

Margo Santoro – Yes

Chris Madden – Yes

Charlie Fosberry – Yes

At 9:14 PM the board returned to public session and Chris Madden moved and Margo Santoro seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

ADJOURN: Chris Madden moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 9:15, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Margo Santoro

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Chris Madden

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Charles Fosberry

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