

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2017

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

Attendees included Margo Santoro, Selectperson, Christopher Madden, Chairman of 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 Harry Power

1. Tax Map # 109, Lot # 16 – Wayne & Susan Clark, 242 Rice Brook Road, Deck, Approved

2. Tax Map # 123, Lot # 3 – John & Beth Kuehl, Jr, 394 Kings Highway, New House, approved

3. Tax Map # 67 - James & Beverly Cardoza, 67 Champney Road, Harry is holding the building permit pending Planning Board action on a Lot Line Adjustment

4. Tax Map # 408, Lot # 19 – David Mooney, 16 Doe Road, Harry showed a picture of a number of cars without registrations, Harry has sent Mr. Mooney a letter requiring he desist parking unregistered vehicles on his property. Harry believes the vehicles are a part of the repair business that Warren Mooney is doing on his property at Tax Map # 408, Lot # 18 without properly going through obtaining a Special Exception and Site Plan Review approval. Harry will contact Warren Mooney and ask for a site visit.

5. Tax Map # 120, Lot # 3 – Casey Hayes, 67 Fox Run Road, The Sears, neighbors, were present and protested that the Selectmen had gone by and looked and did not see any lawn mowers. The Sears reported that there is an enormous amount of junk way back on the property that cannot be seen from the road. Mrs. Sears said their well is 50' downhill from the property line and she is concerned with environmental issues. The Board decided to have Harry Power visit the site and measure the area of all items, including cars, trucks, lawn mowers and miscellaneous junk and take photos. The Sears want the board to establish a limit on the amount and area that Casey Hayes can store on the property. The Sears reported that the Fox Run Home Owners Association has tried to get Casey to clean up the junk and he has cleaned it up when they complain but the stuff just creeps back after a while. Harry will report back to the board at their next meeting.

7:15 Chief McGerty and DiLuzio / Ambulance Services Representative, Rob DiLuzio met with the board to explain their contract. Mr. DiLuzio explain that an intercept is billed at \$250. If there is no crew to respond from Antrim and DiLuzio responds they will bill the town if no insurance pays.

7:30 Joseph Sarcione – met with the board to protest the Fire Chief's actions of posting a sign at the Fire Station announcing that the name has been removed from the Forest Fire Vehicle. Margo Santoro reminded Joe that he brought the entire issue up at Town Meeting about removing the name. He reported that his wife and grandson are very upset with the signage. Chris Madden thought Steve McGerty should have called Joe Sarcione and asked if it would be OK to up the announcement on the sign. Charlie Fosberry thought the name is off the truck and the issue is done. Joe Sarcione claimed that the posting is harassment. The board decided to send a letter to Joe indicating the name had been removed. No mention was made to include pictures. Steve McGerty approached Joe and offered his apology for posting the sign and reached out his hand to shake Joes to bury the issue. Joe refused to shake his hand, stating that the apology is due to his entire family, not just himself.

#### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Jim Coffey reported that he has approved the replacement of all the street lights, and a grant will reimburse the Town \$100 per light.

#### SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 7/24/2017
  2. BOS Non-Public Minutes of 7/24/2017
  3. Accounts Payable Journal
  4. Payroll Journal
  5. Letter to Chief Philip Tirrell, Southwestern Mutual Aid
  6. Memo for Hazardous Waste Day with Town of Washington
  7. Age in Motion use of Town Hall
- All the above were signed.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty asked the status of the Cell Tower, no one could give him an answer.
2. Steve McGerty remembered the library putting up a thermometer sign when they were trying to raise funds to help pay for the renovations. He would like permission to put out a similar sign to try to raise funds to replace the fire boat. The board approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss report from Administrator for non-public session requested by Joseph Sarcione. – Jim Coffey had learned that there was no precedent to allow for a non-public session to visit Joe's concerns.
2. Correspondence from Geoffrey Jones relative to excessive speed and loud motor vehicles. Jim Coffey noted Geoffrey's complaints and the board instructed Jim to turn the letter over to David Vaillancourt for action.
3. Irving Energy proposal of \$3,500 for Fire Department propane wall heater. – Jim Coffey reported checking into various suppliers for the heater and found Irving's price to be comparable. Margo Santoro moved and Chris Madden seconded to accept the proposal, the board agreed.
4. Letter from Harry Power to David Mooney – see Harry section above.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. How long do posting open positions before an offer is tendered. Margo Santoro asked what the Town's policy was on how long a position has to be posted before being filled. Chris Madden reported that the Planning Board Secretary's position has been posted for months with no applicant coming forward. Margo Santoro stated that there is no consistency in town departments and she wants to establish guidelines for all departments with yearly reviews. Jim Coffey will create a spread sheet for all hired employees, including salaries. It was felt that 30-45 days for posting open positions was a good policy. Jim Coffey will put together a guideline for all employees. Chris Madden thought the guidelines should be worked up and placed on the warrant for town meeting.
2. Discuss authorization for ACO badges and other identification – Margo Santoro said there should be identification badges for the animal control officers. She reported checking with the Sheriff's Department who stated the officers need IDs. David Vaillancourt should authorize the Fire Department to make ID badges for the Animal Control and Deputy Animal Control Officers. The board said all employees should have ID badges ASAP.
3. Notice to Selectmen (and CC) from DES for possible violations located at 2665 Valley Road. Jim Coffey reported that the Department of Environmental Services will respond within 20 days.

4. Discuss suggestion from Ken Henninger to study the use of the Town Hall belfry for a cellular repeater. Chris Madden didn't think a repeater, in the tower, would serve many residents but it would be great for Geoffrey Jones to test the site with his truck being able to reach that high.
5. Discuss HGTV filming in Stoddard. See email. Jim Coffey said he had an email from HGTV asking if there is any permit required to video areas of the town concerning segment they are making for a show. They will be in the area August 2 & 3 to make a pilot with a drone.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice from Primex of insurance coverage class on August 31.
2. Bacteria Test for Island Pond Beach. (6.3 MPN/100ml)
3. Shoreland Permit for 70 Sandy Beach Road and an abutter notice for Police Station building. (Terry McMahon's dam rebuild proposal)
4. ZBA Minutes
5. Copy of Registration Approval for Merriewoode Village Water System from DES. Jim Coffey reported that the well on Merriewoode yields 5 GPM and services 21 units. The DES tested the well at the time and it passed. They will inspect the site on August 1.

ADJOURN: Chris Madden moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 9:15, the board agreed.

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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