

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 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. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. 7:00 P.M. Harry Power – Building Permits – Tax Map # 131, Lot # 46 – Patricia Bray & Galen Trinkle, 10 Murdough Road, addition and deck – approved.
2. 7:15 P.M. Geri Bailey & Friends of the Library for discussion of two separate gifts to be used for the Davis Public Library property. \$9,200 for paving of the driveway and the installation of replacement windows valued at \$7,715. RSA 31:95-b, III. (b)

Geri Bailey presented a proposal for accepting a gift for \$9,200 to pave the library parking lot. She explained that the price included a package deal with the Fire Station paving project. The Friends of the Davis Library will accept the gift, which includes line stripping for parking spaces. Margo Santoro moved and Steve McGerty seconded to accept the gift from the Friends of the Davis Library, the board approved.

Geri Bailey then presented a proposal for accepting a gift for \$7,715 to pay for replacing windows and the door in the old part of the building. When the windows and door are removed there will be an inspection for any structural rotting. Margo Santoro moved and Steve McGerty seconded to accept the gift from the Friends of the Davis Library, the board approved.

Jim Coffey reported that the 2013 Warrant Article, to fund the well and septic system installation is closed with a balance of \$1,657 remaining. Balance of items to be paid out of the balance (as of 7/6/2016) include ramp resurfacing, Fire Marshall compliance items, replacing failed lighting, a vastly reduced remedial correction to the invasive Japanese Knotweed problem, and various small landscaping items. These items were subtracted from the balance at 7/6/2016 to leave the \$1,657.

3. 7:40 P.M. Joseph Sarcione & Matt Apgar - The board met with Matt Apgar concerning the Forest Fire Warden Position. Mr. Apgar reported he and Brad Simpkins met with Joseph Sarcione who submitted his resignation as Stoddard Forest Fire Warden effective 7/11/2016. Mr. Apgar expressed that the State regrets Joe Sarcione's resignation as a special deputy warden. Mr. Apgar requested that the Town submit the names of 3 qualified individuals to fulfill the position. He will interview the applicants and recommend a replacement, with a report on the disposition of the remaining deputy Forest Fire Wardens. Jim Coffey noted that, in the interim, the Fire Chief, Steve McGerty, would be the deputy Forest Fire Warden with Mr. Apgar agreeing. Jim Coffey inquired on the way to ascertain the remaining photo copies of charges made during the forest fire, and Mr. Apgar will follow up to determine who is owed what. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to get the remaining bills paid if Matt Apgar can find out who is owed how much money, the board approved. There was also a discussion on a deputy Forest Fire Warden responding to Nelson for a brush fire. Mr. Apgar explained that the Town pays the responder and then the state will bill Nelson for the expense.

4. 7:50 P.M. Chief Vaillancourt - Jim Coffey has received an email to learn how the inquirer can run his UTV on Anderson Road to the Transfer Station and to pull his boat to Highland Lake and back. There are no town roads involved and Chief Vaillancourt reported that the use is not allowed.

5. Linda Clark met with the board to report that there was a serious problem with the renter of the Town Hall on July 7th. She requested the board draw up a check list for renters to follow when using the Town Hall. She also reported that a registration for a seasonal property owner was overcharged. She requested the town refund the overage. The board had no problem with the refund.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty requested that Jim Coffey post, on the web site, the total cost, to the Town, of the recent Forest Fire and also to post how much of 2015-2016 Fire Department budget was returned to the town as unexpended.
2. Steve McGerty wondered how soon the replacement for the Forest Fire Warden would be appointed. He said he would canvas fire fighters for a potential replacement and bring the list of interested persons to the July 25th Selectmen's meeting.

3. Steve McGerty reported that the cost to pave the fire station truck ramps is \$9,000. Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to accept the bid from M & L Asphalt Services, LLC, the board approved.
4. Steve McGerty reported that the State will begin paving 123 North starting July 18th.
5. Steve McGerty reported that the pump has been installed on Brush Truck #1 and is working well.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 6/27/2016
 2. Appointment of 2 Conservation Commission members
 3. A/P Manifests
- All the above were signed

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Summerton, 120 Kings Highway were in to complain that the speeding along Kings Highway is becoming very dangerous. They were asked what time of day was the worst and they thought 3:30 – 6:30. David Vaillancourt asked for names of speeders. They thought that speed bumps or speed limit signs might help.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolve Forest Fire Report / Bill for Nelson fire of June 1, 2016. See Sarcione appointment. Discuss non-reimbursement from State and how to proceed against person responsible for fire(s) – see #3 under appointments
2. Discuss Library landscaping items – see #2 under appointments
3. Discuss Log Cabin Road with Administrator/Correspondence from Anita and Jacques Pelletier. Jim Coffey reported that Atty. Matt Serge had advised that the town has an interest in Log Cabin Road as a Class VI road and he thought the town should file as an intervener. Jim Coffey read the email from the Pelletiers supporting the town's interest in the road. Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to authorize Jim Coffey to have Atty. Matt Serge file for the town to be an intervener, the board approved with a vote of 3 to 0. Pat Stack thanked the board for their support in this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposal from LHS Associates for an Optical Scan Tabulator for the purpose of reading paper election ballots. Jim Coffey reported that he has received a quote for a tabulator that is a brand new unit but the model has been replaced with a newer type model. It will cost \$3,500 plus \$200 for warranty coverage. This is about 1/2 of what was appropriated at Town Meeting. Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to purchase the tabulator, board approved.
2. Discuss the newly enacted Optional Veteran's Tax Credit, RSA 72:28-b which extends the tax credit to all veterans eliminating the need to have served during a wartime period. This would cover all veterans, regardless of when they served, if they were in active service for at least 90 days. John Halter moved and Margo Santoro seconded to place the proposal on the 2017 Town Warrant, to be in the amount of \$250, the same as veterans receive now, the board approved. If approved it would be effective in 2018. Jim Coffey asked about solar & hydronic heating exemptions. The board discussed the issue but no decision was reached.
3. Discuss email to resident regarding the UTVs on town roads. See # 4 under appointments.
4. Discuss replacement of a defective AC unit at the transfer station. John Halter moved and Margo Santoro seconded to replace the AC unit, the board approved.
5. Discuss Town Administrator's compensation – Margo Santoro moved and Steve McGerty seconded to award Jim Coffey a raise of \$2,000, the board approved.
6. Notification of Mortgage Foreclosure for 18 Bridge Hill Road – Jim Coffey reported that he has received notice that the property will be auctioned off in August.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. ZBA, Notice of Decision
2. ZBA Minutes of June 16, 2016
3. Forest Society, gathering for conservation easement landowners

4. DES Report for Island Pond beach E coli. Results are 4.3 & 6.1 MPN/100mL. Limit is 88.
5. DES Notice of Seasonal Dock Notification for 137/17, North Shore Road
6. Eversource Notice for Wetlands & R-O-W Surveying
7. "Final" Operating Budget Report for 2015-2016, (\$8,238 in the black)

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 9:20, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

Margo Santoro

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