

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2016

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

Attendees included John Halter, Selectman Chair, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, 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 Harry Power, Building Permits:
 1. Tax Map # 123, Lot # 9 – Jim Cardoza, Champney Road, Road waiver submitted – Harry will take the application to the Planning Board at their next meeting as it is on a private road.
 2. Tax Map # 115, Lot # 65 – Kenneth Kent & Carolyn Ewels, 100 Tigola Trail, Solar Panels – approved.
2. 7:20 Amy Rokoszak, Hazardous Trees on Old Forest Road – Amy reported there are several trees that are dead or dying and need attention. There are 2 trees on the left side of Old Forest Road and dead trees on the left side, in the Town's right of way – one of which fell last winter and Dave Perrin got it out of the road. Jim Coffey will ask David Vaillancourt to take a look and recommend action.
3. 7:25 Open Session - John Halter called for any comments the attendees might have. Karen Osgood announced that she was recording this section of the meeting. Ray Marotta asked if the Selectmen used Robert's Rules of Order, John Halter said he could not recall the board ever adopting them.

Jim Coffey noted that the RSA91A referred to the Right of Know Laws concerning any conflict of interest that Steve McGerty might have. Roy Marotta called for the letter to the Fish and Game Department, calling for the dismissal of Joseph Sarcione, to be null and void due to Steve McGerty and Margo Santoro seeming to have a conflict of interest where they are on the Fire Department and serving the town as Selectmen. Bonnie Sarcione moved to have Steve McGerty removed from the Board of Selectmen, but John Halter said the public cannot make a motion in a Selectmen's meeting. Roy Marotta referred to RSA 669

(Actually - 669:7 **Incompatibility of Offices.** –

I. No person shall at the same time hold any 2 of the following offices: selectman, treasurer, moderator, trustee of trust funds, collector of taxes, auditor and highway agent. No person shall at the same time hold any 2 of the following offices: town treasurer, moderator, trustee of trust funds, selectman and head of the town's police department on **full-time duty**. No person shall at the same time hold the offices of town treasurer and town clerk. No **full-time** town employee shall at the same time hold the office of selectman. No official handling funds of a town shall at the same time hold the office of auditor. No selectman, moderator, town clerk or inspector of elections shall at the same time serve as a supervisor of the checklist. No selectman, town manager, school board member except a cooperative school board member, full-time town, village district, school district except a cooperative school district, or other associated agency employee or village district commissioner shall at the same time serve as a budget committee member-at-large under RSA 32.

I-a. No person shall at the same time file a declaration of candidacy for any 2 or more elected offices that are incompatible under paragraph I.

II. The provisions of paragraph I refer to the actual holding of office, and are not to be construed to prevent the transfer between offices of information obtained in the regular conduct of business nor to prevent the personnel in any office from furnishing clerical assistance to any other office.)

to underline his desire to remove Steve McGerty from the Board. Nothing in that chapter makes Steve McGerty incompatible to be the Part -Time Fire Chief and a Selectman.

Steve Rockwell, speaking for himself, said not all fire fighters were in favor of having Joseph Sarcione continue as the Forest Fire Warden for Stoddard.

Joseph Sarcione asked what the Board of Selectmen were doing to do about the outburst from Steve McGerty during the July 26, 2011¹⁵ Selectmen's meeting. John Halter said there was no discussion between the board members concerning this issue.

Joseph Sarcione, referring to the Board of Selectmen's letter to Brad Simpkins, asked what is best for the Town. He claimed he is the only one that knows what or how to handle the drought conditions in existence at the present time.

Mark McKeen claimed the Board of Selectmen makes its own rules.

John Halter said he thought, at the end of the July 26, 2016 Selectmen's meeting, that Margo Santoro was going to meet with Joseph Sarcione but she was strongly advised not to meet with him.

Karen Sarcione said she doesn't think the Board of Selectmen knows what Joseph Sarcione can do to the Board.

John Halter asked Joseph Sarcione if he would reconsider his resignation as a Special Forest Fire Warden for the State. After considerable thought, Joseph Sarcione said he will not consider being a Special Forest Fire Warden if he isn't also a Forest Fire Warden.

Jesse Pollock called for the Selectmen to write the State, Matt Apgar, to have Joseph Sarcione reinstated as the town's Forest Fire Warden. Hayden Sarcione, grandson of Joseph Sarcione, requested to speak and was granted that right. He called for his grandfather to be reinstated as Stoddard's Forest Fire Warden.

Angela Fletcher, 11 Anderson Road, presented a list of complaints about her daughter's impression that Steve McGerty is taunting Joseph Sarcione and gave the list to the board in writing, stating that she had to get back home to her daughter.

John Halter called for a 3 minute recess.

4. 8:56 Non-Public Session - RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to go into Non-Public Session:

John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

9:03 – Non-Public Session closed – John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

9:04 – Non-Public Session – RSA 91A:3,II c

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John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

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SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty reported that Mary Lou Stymest suggested the cemetery clean-up be delayed until after Veterans' Day for removing flags and other moments, the board agreed.
2. Steve McGerty reported that the cell tower company, constructing on Richer Road, is planning on pouring cement for the foundation of the tower at the end of August or the beginning of September.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2016
 2. BOS Non-Public Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2016
 3. Forest Fire Report/Bill
 4. Accounts Payable Manifest
 5. Age in Motion use of Town Hall
 6. 2016 Renewal Advanced Life Support Intercept Transport Agreement with the City of Keene.
 7. Pistol/Revolver Licenses
- The above were all signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Conservation Commission concerning Antrim Wind Project – Jim Coffey reported that Geoffrey Jones plans to attend the 8/22 Selectmen's meeting to present information to seek the Selectmen's letter against the project..
2. Election Inspectors for General Election, RSA 658:2 – Jim Coffey noted that the Selectmen are now required to appoint inspectors. He will request names be submitted by the major parties of people to perform that duty.
3. Non-Public session to respond to the Division of Forest & Lands – delayed until there is a full board.
4. Motion to object to Fred Ward's motion to reconsider – informational only.
5. Letter in support of Joseph Sarcione – no action taken
6. Jim Coffey reported that the Town's paving will be done in the first part of October.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review potential deeding list of 7 properties, non-public discussion of one item. List is public record.
2. Wetland Utility Maintenance Notification, also meeting with Administrator on August 10. Jim Coffey will be meeting with representatives from Eversource to discuss right of way maintenance for the high voltage line.
3. Dam Inspection for Island Pond Dam, State Owned – some deficiencies exist but nothing that needs immediate attention – this is a copy of a memo between state agencies.
4. Suggested notes to clarification of minutes of hearing on receiving gifts for Davis Public Library on July 11. – Geri Bailey reported that there were some errors in the July 11, 2016 minutes concerning the Library donations: Jim Coffey suggested an addendum be added to make the necessary corrections:
The Friends of the Davis Public Library will accept the gift, which includes line stripping for parking spaces.
The Warrant Article should read 2014 Warrant Article #22.
Previously listed items will leave a balance of \$1,657 in the 2015 Library Warrant Article.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. ZBA Minutes of July 21, 2016

- 2, NH Health Alert – copy sent to Dr. Englund
3. Low Income Taxpayer Project-NH Pro Bono Program – Jim Coffey will post this information on the web site.
4. Stoddard Lake Testing – tests within allowed limits

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to adjourn at 9:27, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

Addendum to July 11, 2016 Selectmen's Minutes at Geri Bailey's request:

Pat and Jim,

There are a couple of small corrections needed to the minutes. I've marked them below.

Currently reads: 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.**

Change bold wording to: The Trustees recommend that the town accept the gift from the Friends of the Davis Library.

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.

Currently reads: 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.** **(The year is incorrect as is balance remaining.)**

Change bold wording to: "the 2014 Warrant Article #22, to fund the well and septic system installation is closed **with a balance of \$0 remaining.**

Currently reads: **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.

Change bold wording to: Geri Bailey recommended that a number of items be paid out of the balance remaining in the 2015 Warrant which.....

Thanks.

Geri

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