

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2017

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

Attendees included Margo Santoro, Selectperson, Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, 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 Chris Rousseau, Great Brook Medical Services – Mr. Rousseau did a presentation on the services Great Brook Medical Services provides and can provide for residents in Stoddard. He said they are currently providing ambulance standby services at NHMX (formerly Jolly Roger Race Track) in Lempster. He proposed that Great Brook provide contracted services for 24/7/365 at an ALS level. He is presently working with Cheshire Medical Center to be affiliated with them and has been working with their Emergency Department to have the affiliation happen. They would be able to place an ambulance at Gatherings like Olde Home Days. Great Brook is working on setting up a site of operations in Southwest NH, possibly in Lempster, which is centrally located in SW NH. Their services would work in conjunction with the Town's Rescue Squad. Mr. Rousseau also explained that Great Brook has educational services that can provide training to allow EMTs and Fire Fighters to update their licenses.

7:30 Philip Tyrell, Keene Mutual Aid – Mr. Tyrell reported that Keene Fire Aid has been working with the State to place a tower on the Fire Tower property. However, even though they have a license since December, 2013 and have spent \$10,000 since 2014 to get the service up and running, there are problems due to the property being State owned. Keene Mutual Aid has temporary services installed. The State is working on replacing the Pitcher Mountain tower and Mr. Tyrell is hoping that the new tower will provide service to Stoddard.

8:00 Harry Power – Building Permits

1. Tax Map # 119, Lot # 23 – Trace Noga, 50 Tigola Trail – replacing deck and adding 2 dormers – approved.

2. Tax Map # 124, Lots # 14 & 5 – Jean Green, 38 West shore Circle – extensive remodeling, an addition and new septic system – approved.

3. Tax Map # 424, Lot #16 – Daniel Schreck, 103 Arkwood Lane – previously applied to build a barn but then decided to change and make it an in-law cottage – applying for an after the fact building permit with full price being paid – approved.

4. Harry reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment decided to override the Selectmen's decision to cease and desist on Casey Hayes. The ZBA did not send a notice of decision to the Selectmen. Jim Coffey will ask for a copy of the notice of decision and send it on to the Town's attorney for comment

8:10 Dan Eaton – Emergency Management issue – Dan reported that George Preston, Deputy Emergency Director, is still a resident of Stoddard and a member of the Fire Department. Bob Fee had asked if the Emergency Management team has meetings – Dan's answer was that they have not had any meetings but he has been attending training Emergency Management Academy in Concord. He also reported (in conjunction to Philip Tyrell's input) that he has been working with a nationwide committee working on a spectrum emergency management system, which, if the Governor signs on to the idea, would provide 270 new cell sites to immensely improve the reception to over 99% of the state. Dan also reported that there are grants available for Emergency Management but the present one is offering things that Stoddard does not need. He suggested that SWR planning apply for and be the grant holder if future years offer something, like a heavy duty generator. He also reported that, should Stoddard have a massive emergency, such as the bridge going out on Shedd Hill Road, he can

have an mobile emergency operations center up and working in 1.5 – 2 hours. Dan Eaton requested permission to purchase a minitor for his EMD use. The Selectmen approved that expenditure.

8:20 Linda Clark – had several questions that the public has asked:

1. Asked for an up on the Cell Tower on Richer Road – was told they have installed the foundation and plan to build the tower next year.

2. Reported on a tattered flag on a pole near the church parsonage – Pat Putnam told her that she had already asked Frank Stuckey to take it down.

3. Wanted an update on the railing on the front of the Town Hall – Jim Coffey said there hasn't been a consensus on the design of the railing and that the present one is safe.

Linda then asked questions on her budget:

1. Why was a mailbox charged to her budget – Jim Coffey said she asked for the mailbox and it was charged to her budget.

2. Why there was a charge for the Clerkworks Computer Program without her being notified that it was being charged. She wants to be put in the loop on charges to her budget.

3. Where is the pay raise for the Deputy Town Clerk? There was a very long discussion on the situation where Linda said the deputy was hired in July, 2016 and received a raise last February (after it was first denied). Finally Chris Madden moved and Charlie Fosberry very reluctantly seconded to award the second \$3.00 raise for the position, the board approved with Margo Santoro against.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: None

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 10/30/2017
2. Road Layout Hearing Minutes of October 30, 2017
3. Accounts Payable Manifest
4. Surviving Spouse Veteran's tax Credit application
5. 2 intents to cut for Andorra Forest

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty told the board that he was going to purchase a Forestry Pump for \$3,000 and there was a 50/50 grant available to help fund it.

2. Steve McGerty reported that Stoddard had its first Opioid overdose. It occurred at Mr. Mike's and there happened to be a Nelson Fire Fighter passing, who stopped and administered Narcan, which saved the person's life. Margo Santoro said that the rescue response was in about 8 minutes but that it could have been too late if the Good Samaritan hadn't stepped in.

3. Steve McGerty said he needs a dedicated phone line to run the Fire Department's computer. Chris Madden will install one over the weekend.

4. Steve McGerty asked for an update on the LED Street Lighting. Jim Coffey said he had a call from the installer and the lights are on backorder. The installer expects the installation to be completed by the end of November.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss results of phone call with Charitable Trust Division of the Attorney General's Office regarding Banker's Trust Annuity Investment(s) with Administrator. Jim Coffey reported that the annuity that the former Trustees of Trust Funds set up is illegal but it left in place until December, 2018, would allow for the funds to be withdrawn and placed in a more proper investments plan.

2. Copy of letter sent to Highland Lake Marina regarding use of Town owned property for

storage. Jim Coffey gave them until 12/1/2017 to remove the docks. He also reported that this isn't the first time the town has had to ask for the docks to be removed.

3. Letter from Christopher Rousseau – see appointments

4. Discuss Fire Station water testing – Jim Coffey said the test being requested by the NH DES is a specialized test which must be gathered by qualified staff and sent to the Midwest for testing. The state said that 6 of the 7 fire stations' water that has been tested were contaminated with firefighting chemicals.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss December schedule and holiday policy for employees. The board agreed to allow the Administrative Assistant to close the office on Black Friday (November 24th). She will take vacation hours for that day off.
2. NHMA Annual Meeting, discuss with Administrator – Jim Coffey reported that he would be attending the Wednesday section of the meeting but would be in the office on Thursday.
3. Discuss recent outage of data line by Fairpoint. Jim Coffey updated the board on the recent problems with internet service due to a mistake made by Fairpoint. It took from Tuesday morning to Thursday late afternoon to rectify the mistake.
4. Confirm Road Closing Notice, November 15, to April 15. – Notice was sent to the Sentinel for publication, placed on the web site and posted on the bulletin boards at the Gould House and Town Hall.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: Chris Madden moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 10:07, 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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**MISC. CORRESPONDENCE**