

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 29, 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. Dean Huber was in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Harry Power – Mr. Lemanski paid his fine of \$275.00 for building without a permit and the Selectmen signed his building permit.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: None

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 2-22-2016
4. Pistol Permit

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Gordon Jennison – Jim Coffey reported that Atty. Sam Bradley is working on going to court concerning the delinquent Septic System installation and Junk Cleanup that hasn't happened on that property.
2. Part Time Employee compensation – discussion took place.
3. Discuss letter from Tom Hanna for Merriewoode – Jim Coffey reported that he has received a letter from Atty. Tom Hanna, representing Merriewoode, which states their position on the issue. Jim Coffey stated he tried to get Merriewoode and the 2 neighbors affected by the gate on the Class 6 section of the road to sit down and come to an agreement but was unsuccessful in that attempt.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss 2016 PSNH & Fairpoint Abatement Requests – a copy will be sent to George Sansoucy.
2. Discuss response to Fred Ward's lawsuit against the Planning Board – Steve McGerty asked when the town would sue Mr. Ward. Jim Coffey said Atty. Matt Serge feels the town will be forced to sue Mr. Ward for damages and costs for abuse of process if it goes to court. Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to send the issue to Matt Serge, to be consolidated with the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the board approved. Margo Santoro reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman, Paul Krampfert, told the Planning Board that the Harris Center had no objection to the Global Montello Group's expansion. She has obtained a copy of a letter to the Zoning Board of Adjustment showing that they indeed had several concerns to the project.
3. Discuss pending Aten Road Village District petition – Jim Coffey reported that he had a call from Nick Healy informing the town that the folks on Aten Road plant to bring in a petition to be allowed to form an Aten Road Village District. If approved this would allow the Town to tax the members to collect for the district on that road for their established

budget. Once collected, the town would pay the village district the taxes once a year as the town does for the Granite Lake Village District.

4. Discuss recommendations from auditors – Reviewing the Auditors' report, John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adopt a standard deposit report to be the official report form to inform the Treasurer and Selectmen of deposits. They also recognized the Tax Collector's report form and the Town Office Receipts Journal as official report forms, the board approved.
5. NH DES Beach Sampling Program rate changes – Jim Coffey explained that the fee increase is just for the test done on the Island Pond Beach for ECOLI.
6. Road Closings, March 7 – May 15 – the notice has been sent to the Sentinel for publishing ASAP.
7. Discuss Town Budget & Report Schedule – Jim Coffey suggested that the Selectmen meet every Monday in March to work on the Budget and Town Report. Margo Santoro stated that she was not available for the March 7th meeting. The other selectmen assured her that she would be brought up to date on any decisions made at the meeting and she would have an opportunity to change anything that she did not agree with, if the other board members agreed with her position. John Halter noticed that he would not be able to attend the 3/14 meeting. John Halter asked Margo to come up with a suggested policy on part time employees and their compensation. Jim Coffey said he could come up with a couple policies to consider.

Jim Coffey read the dates affecting the Town Meeting:

3/23 – first day to sign up for elected positions

4/1 – last day to sign up for elected positions – the Town Clerk's Office must be open 3:00 until 5:00 on April first.

4/5 – last day to submit petitions for the Town Warrant

4/15 – last day to hold a public hearing on the budget. Jim Coffey suggested the public hearing be held on 4/11 after the regular Selectmen's meeting.

5/10 – Town Meeting – election portion

5/17 – continued Town Meeting for deliberative session

Jim Coffey suggested that the Fire Ward be abolished. It was noted that the Ward does nothing and doesn't have any regular meetings. The elected officials for that ward would serve until the next town meeting and their positions would be eliminated.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to adjourn at 9:18 PM, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

Margo Santoro

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