

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2015

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. One member of the public was in attendance.

### APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Harry Power - Submitted a copy of a letter of deficiency from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services addressed to James W. Knight, Tax Map #131, Lot # 26. This situation was discussed at the last board meeting and Harry was submitting the copy for the board's file.

7:15 Paul Krampfert – reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment has a serious lack of alternates to be called upon for sitting at the table if regular members are not able to attend meetings. The board only has one Alternate, who is only in Stoddard 6 months of the year. He asked the board for suggestions on how to attract qualified residents to serve as alternates. Jim Coffey related that one member of the Board of Selectmen is allowed to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and that a Planning Board Member is also allowed to serve on both boards. Paul will post a notice at the Post Office of these openings. Jim Coffey will make a more prominent posting on the front page of the Town's Web Site. Margo Santoro will discuss the situation with the Planning Board at their next meeting.

8:25 – the board went into Non-Public Session:

John Halter - yes

Steve McGerty - yes

Margo Santoro - yes

8:40 – the board come out of Non-Public Session:

John Halter - yes

Steve McGerty - yes

Margo Santoro – yes

John Halter moved and Margo Santoro seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty gave the board a list of the Fire Department items that are lost, broken, outdated or surplus, for the record:

- a. 10 Survivair air Packs (SCBA)
- b. 2 VHF mobile radios
- c. 10 sets of turn out gear (coat & bunker pants)
- d. 12 pairs of boots
- e. 2 Motorola Minitor pagers – lost
- f. 1 Motorola Minitor pager, unrepairable

All these items have been replaced.

2. John Halter reported that the area where the culvert work was done at the corner of North Shore Road and Aten Road has been washed out – the Rip-Rap appears not to have had large enough rocks installed and the latest rain storm caused the Rip-Rap to wash out from the water flowing down Aten Road. Jim Coffey will speak to David Vaillancourt about the problem. John Halter also reported that there is a 4 foot drop at the end of the culvert right on the edge of the road at that corner. He suggested that the town install a piece of railing to prevent anyone from falling into the drop off. Discussion concluded that Steve McGerty would talk to Dennis Clark, New Hampshire Highway Foreman, to see if there was a piece of discarded guard rail

that could be used.

3. Steve McGerty reported that Frank Stuckey is continuing to remove the trees along Shedd Hill Road and other locations and is about 1/3 of the way done.

4. It was decided that Veteran's Day, November 11 would be a holiday.

#### SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2015
4. Non-Public Minutes of October 26, 2015
5. Pistol Permits (2)

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Notice of Decision to Continue Stoddard v Kenneth Holland until January 4, 2016, Trial Management Conference, Weeks of July 11 and 18 for Bench Trial. The continuance was granted.
2. Letter sent by Administrator to Joseph Sarcione for return of equipment. – taken under Non-Public Session.
3. Notice to Merriewoode Village, Inc. that barricade on Log Cabin Road will be removed by the Town. Jim Coffey read the letter that he is sending to Merriewoode.
4. Email sent to Director of Forest & Lands, Brad Simpkins by Administrator. Jim Coffey reported that the State Forest and Lands has a regulation that requires a special qualification for any Forest Fire Warden who carries a fire arm while fighting a forest fire that is being paid for with state funds.
5. Jim Coffey reported that the new railing would be welded together on Tuesday, Nov. 10th.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter from SWRPC for meeting to discuss using the closed Welcome & Information Center as a rest area. Paul Krampfert and Steve McGerty plan on attending the meeting.
2. Letter from Valley Road resident asking about property tax relief. Jim Coffey has sent an Elderly Exemption application.
3. Letter from Valley Road resident, Daniel Ross asking about why his Hemlock trees were "stripped of ALL of the branches." Jim Coffey reported having met with the Contractor, George Chicoine, and visited the area, concerning the issue. They found that the trees had been planted within the 40' right of way and the branches were obstructing visual safety. George Chicoine trimmed the branch ends but did not strip them back to the trunk of the tree. Jim Coffey also discovered that there is a cement stone retaining wall intruding into the road's right of way. That situation will have to be addressed in the future as more traffic is using the road to access a lot where a building permit has been issued. Jim Coffey read his response to Mr. Ross's letter of complaint. The board members approved.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice from Fitzwilliam of a Wireless Communications Facility application to be heard on November 10.
2. Finding from Securities & Exchange Commission against Mackensen & Company, Inc. and Warren J. Mackensen, relating to investment services for municipal clients, trustees – the Town's Trustees of Trust Funds have not engaged this company in their investments.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 8:45, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

---

John Halter

---

Stephen McGerty

---

Margo Santoro

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
AGENDA  
November 9, 2015**

**APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 - Harry Power

7:15 - Paul Krampfert, ZBA Alternates Needed

7:30 – Marylou Stymest-Cemetery Procedures – withdrew her request to appear

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS**

**OPEN ITEMS**

**TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED**

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2015
4. Non-Public Minutes of October 26, 2015
5. Pistol Permits (2)

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Notice of Decision to Continue Stoddard v Kenneth Holland until January 4, 2016, Trial Management Conference, Weeks of July 11 and 18 for Bench Trial.
2. Letter sent by Administrator to Joseph Sarcione for return of equipment.
3. Notice to Merriewoode Village, Inc. that barricade on Log Cabin Road will be removed by the Town.
4. Email sent to Director of Forest & Lands, Brad Simpkins by Administrator.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Letter from SWRPC for meeting to discuss using the closed Welcome & Information Center as a rest area.
2. Letter from Valley Road resident asking about property tax relief. Elderly Exemption application has been sent.
3. Letter from Valley Road resident, Daniel Ross asking about why his Hemlock trees were "stripped of ALL of the branches." Response attached.

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Notice from Fitzwilliam of a Wireless Communications Facility application to be heard on November 10.
2. Finding from Securities & Exchange Commission against Mackensen & Company, Inc. and Warren J. Mackensen, relating to investment services for municipal clients, trustees. The T of trust funds.