

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

November 23, 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. Several members of the public were in attendance.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

7:00 - Harry Power – Tax Map # 408 Lot # 5 – 3760 Route 123 North – Nancy Murdough - Changing a seasonal house into a year round one requires a state approved septic system to be installed. Mr. Murdough hired Lonn Livengood to research the problem and he could not find any approval at the state on this property. He will be designing an approved system. The system will be installed in late 2015 or spring of 2016.

Tax Map # 131 Lot # 26 – 38 Pond Point Road - Harry brought the board up to date on the – James Knight property – concerning the filling of wet lands and intruding on property owned by the Town of Stoddard with some of the fill. The owner met with Jim Coffey and has hired an Environmental Consultant to assist him in removing the fill and replanting the shoreland. The board agreed that Jim should get a signed agreement that Board Attorney, Matt Serge should review.

7:50 - Non Public Session, RSA 91-A: 3, II (c)

John Halter - yes

Steve McGerty - yes

Margo Santoro - yes

8:01 – closed the Non-Public session:

John Halter - yes

Steve McGerty - yes

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

### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

Steve McGerty asked if the Selectmen have a legal right to sign the agreement with Donall Healy to resolve the Aten Road legal fees issue. Jim Coffey assured the board that the Selectmen are within their right to enter into the agreement.

### **SIGNED/APPROVED:**

1. Accounts Payable Manifest

2. P/R Manifest

3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015

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6. 4 Pistol/Revolver permits

All the above were signed.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** Dean Huber, referring to the Nancy Murdough septic system, why the town would have to install the system if she failed to do so. John Halter explained that the town would install the State Approved Septic System but would place a lien on the property to recoup the expense.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter/email from tax delinquent property owner (Non-Public)
2. Request for Town of Stoddard to jointly apply to a wetlands cleanup necessitated by actions done by the adjacent property owner at 38 Pond Point Road. See discussion under Harry Power's section
3. Update from Matt Serge on Fairpoint Litigation – it was noted that the issue should be settled by the end of the year.
4. Jim Coffey reported that he has had a correspondence with Merriewoode and they will send a representative to review the documents in their file and discuss removing the gate.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Forest Warden Joseph Sarcione for the selectmen to concur and recommend that the Division of Forest and Lands appoint an additional deputy. The appointment of Alan Merrill, Jr. to the position of Deputy Forest Fire Warden was presented, and after discussion Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to table the issue until November 30, 2015, the board approved with John Halter opposed. Further discussion and listening to Joseph Sarcione caused Margo Santoro to call for reconsidering the appointment. The board approved the appointment and signed the form. Steve McGerty asked how many Deputy Forest Fire Wardens Joseph Sarcione has – the answer was 6: Louis Clark, Steve McGerty, Jennifer Phillips-Merrill, Jesse Pollock, PJ LaMothe and Alan Merrill, Jr.
2. Request from Stoddard Fire & Rescue to use the Town Hall for a Children's Party. December 18 from 6:00 to 8:00. The board will approve the application once it is completed and presented to them. The fees will be waived.
3. Primex charges for the next fiscal year. For budget purposes.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

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2. Bound copies of the Audit for the FY ending June 30, 2015.

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 8:14, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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John Halter

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Stephen McGerty

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Margo Santoro

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- 7:15 - Public Comments
- 7:30 - Non-Public Session, RSA 91-A: 3, II (c)

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