

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 4-14-2014

Submitted by stoddard on Fri, 04/18/2014 - 8:56pm.

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April 14, 2014

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman Chairman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several attended the meeting as on lookers.

BUDGET HEARING

7 P.M.

The budget hearing must included all items on the warrant that have an appropriation associated with them from any source. The hearing also covers revenue projections and the projected net amounts to be raised by taxation.

Jim Coffey introduced the budget and explained each article in detail.

PJ LaMothe reported that the Fire Department was withdrawing the item addressed in Article 13 - for Breathing Apparatus due to the manufacturer not putting an expiration date on the equipment (NFPA standards state that equipment is viable until after a certain amount of

years or by manufacturer standards.). Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to change the purpose of the article to provide funds to improve the access to the transfer station, in the amount of \$10,000, the board approved.

In Article 25, funding the Age in Motion program, Angel Nicoletti noted that the program ran for 20 weeks. The wording was corrected.

In Article 30, funding the Building Capital Reserve, John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to add wording to give the Board of Selectmen authority to withdraw and expend funds for emergency repairs, with a public hearing being held first, the board approved with Steve McGerty opposed due to his feeling that the entire board should approve, not just a majority.

There were general questions and answers were given.

Fred Ward had emailed a list of questions, concerning his perceived notion that the board had secret lists concerning the 91A request he has filed with the court.

Each question was read by Jim Coffey and answered by Jim. Fred Ward said he would resubmit his questions reworded.

Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to close the public hearing at 8:31 PM, the board approved.

John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to open the regular Selectmen's meeting at 8:33 PM, the board agreed.

APPOINTMENTS:

Harry Power - presented 2 building permits for approval:

1. Tax Map # 130, Lot # 23 - Mark & Terri Whippie, Route 123 North, to screen in an area under the existing deck - approved.

2. Tax Map # 129, Lot # 5 - Ann Blake & Randal McHale, Mount Stoddard Road, to extend 4' to an existing porch - approved.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2014
4. Disability Exemption Application (1), approval recommended
5. Veteran's Tax Credit Application (1), approval recommended
6. Pistol/Revolver License (5)

All the above were signed.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss with administrator procedures for contacting legal counsel - Jim Coffey expressed a desire to urge the various town boards to avail themselves of the services offered by the Local Government Center, through the Town's membership, for legal advise, instead of running up huge bills from attorneys.
2. DRA Equalization Sales Ratio is 118.1%; Median Ratio is 120.4% for information prior to 4/28/2014 meeting with NH DRA on re-evaluation.
3. Notice from DES of Pioneer Lake Dam Inspection - taken under advisement.
4. BTLA A-9 and A-10 for NH Audubon - so noted
5. Atty. Spear's response to 91A lawsuit - Selectmen are in agreement.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty asked if we could locate records when the breathing apparatus was purchased. He thought the purchase took place in 2007. Pat Putnam will research.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 8:56 PM, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

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At the conclusion of the Budget Hearing there will be a brief Selectmen's meeting to review and sign documents along with items listed below

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