

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2013**

Submitted by stoddard on Tue, 04/23/2013 - 10:10am.

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

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

### **APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 - Harry Power - nothing to report on building permits

7:05 - Lorraine Joslyn – Address for Garage - She has asked for a separate street number for the garage on her separate property. She asked who had denied her request. She was told that the Board's attorney recommended that we not issue a separate number for that property. Jim Coffey reported that he had consulted the E911 lady at the State and she also recommended denying the request. Mrs. Joslyn asked for the attorney's phone number so she could call him. The board advised her to write a letter to him and gave her his address.

7:15 - Philip Brown - He reported that he is contemplating the purchase of a seasonal property for year round use. He is inquiring into an extension of the regulation that requires a seasonal property, becoming a year round property, must have an installed, state approved, septic system. John Halter and Arnie Stymest, with Harry Power not voting due to a conflict of interest, agreed to allow him the extension until next spring, to have the system installed if he has the system design drawn and submitted to the State and receives approval to construct

document in hand. (The town will receive a copy of the document from the state also.)

7:25 - PJ LaMothe met with the board to inquire who has been hired to clean the fire station. Jim Coffey reported that he understood that Randy Weaver is interested in cleaning the building and working in the cemetery that Jesse Pollock was performing. Mr. Pollock had to leave the cemetery work due to obligations at home. PJ was told that Bob Curnutte is doing most of the outside work around the Library, Town Hall, Gazebo and Gould House and will be caring for the cemeteries that David Young used to work in. PJ said she would check with the firemen to see if there was one who is interested in assuming the tasks on the payroll. Tom Chagnon asked who was doing the work around the fire station and was told that David Young used to do the tasks. Mr. Chagnon asked if there were 2 or 3 people doing what David Young used to do and the answer was 2 are doing the work. Mr. Curnutte is doing the outside work and setting up the hall and Mrs. Kilchewski is cleaning inside of the Town Hall and Gould House.

7:30 - Fred Ward requested that he be allowed to attend the non-public executive session because AT&T has made a counter proposal that would favor the "Granite Lakers" vs. the rest of the town. He said if he were not allowed to attend, he would file a 91A request against the board. Jim Coffey read the RSA 91A: 3 II e regulations. Tom Chagnon requested to attend the non-public executive session also. Stephen McGerty asked if the meeting was already scheduled, could the agenda item for a non-public executive session be held. He was confused because the ZBA had to notice another meeting to hold the non-public executive session to discuss the AT&T issue. John Halter explained that the Monday meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting and any agenda item can be listed, including an executive session.

John Halter said he would poll the other members of the board to see if they would agree to allow Fred and Tom to sit in.

Harry Power said it is a legal issue and there is no reason not to go into executive session. He voted to exclude Attendees from the meeting.

Arnie Stymest agreed with Harry. John Halter then concurred. As Angel Nicoletti was just arriving, she was told that the board would meet without her presence.

8:05 Non-Public Executive Session, RSA 91A: 3 II (e)

The board voted to enter into Executive Session:

John Halter - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes

Harry Power - yes

8:50 - Board returned to Public Session

8:51 - John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to seal the minutes of the non-public session - the board approved 3 - 0.

The board announced that they would be waiting for a recommendation from the ZBA before making any decision regarding the pending litigation.

#### TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Hazard Mitigation Plan, Three copies, notarized
2. Minutes of April 15, Public
3. Minutes of April 15, Non-Public
4. Minutes of April 8, 2013
5. Notice of Intent to Cut
6. Warrant
7. Budget

All the above were signed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Release & Settlement Agreement - John Halter confirmed that he had delivered the signed forms to Sam Bradley's office last Tuesday.
2. Attorney Correspondence - to be discussed in executive session
3. Cemetery road report - Harry Power reported that the book he researched showed the Old County Road (now known as Juniper Hill Road) was laid out in 1803 and the Charles Pierce map shows it extended from Route 9 to a fork before reaching Route 123 with one fork running by where the Memorial Garden is and the other fork running through the new cemetery. He couldn't find any records where the town had discontinued the road in the book supplied by the

Town Clerk. John Halter remembered that road questions were promptly answered by Joan Read so he thought there must be a file with all road issues in it. If the town had formally voted to discontinue the road, the land would revert to the owners on either side. Arnie Stymest reported that the Cemetery Trustees have records that he feels document that the town still owns the road. Harry Power will continue his research. Jim Coffey suggested an intern or Eagle Scout project might be to record all the Town Meeting records into a searchable document to quickly answer road and other questions that come up.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Three Cemetery Deeds - Jim Coffey reported that he has copies of the latest cemetery deeds that were sold. He questioned the fact that the Cemetery Trustees has signed them as witnesses and Trustees and that the Selectmen had not. This is what has been done for eons and he wondered if he should look into the procedure to see if the Selectmen should be signing them because they are responsible for the sale of town property. He was not saying that there was anything being wrong but that the procedure is strange.
2. NH Audubon, BTLA 12 & 9 - no action taken
3. Notice of \$3,672.71 credit from PRIMEX - Jim Coffey reported that Primex has awarded the town a refund of its share of the fund balance payable 7/1/2013.
4. Review Selectmen's Report - the board signed the report for inclusion in the town report.
5. Stephen McGerty requested the amount of money spent on the Gould House so far, for the next meeting. Jim Coffey will give him the information.

## OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

NH DRA Equalization Ratio Study - the assessment is at 109.6%. The cyclical reevaluation will bring the appraisals into fair market value next year.

Training for Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees by the Office of the Attorney General, Charitable Division. Four sessions in Concord and three in Shelburne. All members of those boards are urged to attend.

NHMA publication "Knowing the Territory" - a Selectmen's handbook

PRIMEX publication -

Monadnock Conservancy 2013 Conservation Training

Town of Sutton, ZBA Cell Tower Notice

Broadband Meeting Notice - a meeting will be held at the Keene Public Library on May 1, 2013 from 6:30 till 8:00 PM and anyone is welcome to attend.

RECESS: 8:53 - John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to recess the Selectmen's meeting to Friday, April 26, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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John Halter

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Harry Power

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Arnie Stymest

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### **AGENDA**

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- 7:00 Harry Power
- 7:30 Lorraine Joslyn – Address for Garage
- 7:45 Non-Public session with ZBA Chair, RSA 91A:3 (e)

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