

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2013

Submitted by stoddard on Mon, 05/06/2013 - 5:54pm.

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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 - approved a building permit for a 12 X 16 deck @ Tax Map # 126, Lot # 34.

7:10 - PJ LaMothe - presented paperwork for two new members of the Fire/Rescue Department - a husband and wife team with extensive training and experience. The Selectmen approved their hire. PJ also warned that assemblies at the School must have exit announcements before starting meetings. Harry Power asked if there was an inventory of equipment for the Fire Department. PJ said she had emailed it to the Town Hall. She will send a copy to the administrative assistant. She also noted that the tree, leaning over the roof of the fire station is too far over the building for the firemen to remove. She thinks a professional should be contacted to take it down.

7:30 - MaryLou Stymest - the cemetery trustees have hired one person to work in the 5 cemeteries around town. She feels that the Old Dow Cemetery is such that one person should be hired to care for that cemetery. She asked permission to advertise for another person to just handle that one cemetery. The Board approved hiring an additional staff member for that

cemetery.

She also reported that the supervisors of the checklist are underpaid and need a pay adjustment. The Town of Nelson pays \$12.00/hour to their supervisors and Stoddard is paying \$10.00/hour. John Halter moved and Harry Power seconded to raise their pay to \$12.00/hour effective immediately, the board approved. There was some discussion on moving the voting for non-federal elections back to the Town Hall. There are many pieces of equipment and heavy books that need to be taken to the voting location. It was felt that the Town Hall's renovations would preclude moving the location at this time but consideration could be discussed after those renovations are complete. There is some concern for parking during voting times.

8:00 - Dr. Fred Ward - met with the board concerning the Judge's response of April 16, 2013 and the Board of Selectmen's and Jeff Spear's lack of reply to Dr. Ward. Dr. Ward asked if the Board is supporting his position.

John Halter said the board is awaiting an answer from Jeff Spear to their letter asking for guidance and/or recommendation.

JIM Coffey will follow up with Jeff Spear. Dr. Ward passed out copies of his letters of May 3, April 23, April 25 & April 29 and that they be placed in the correspondence file.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS: None

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Minutes of April 29, 2013
3. Minutes of April 22, 2013

All of the above were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mention Town Hall Projected Completion-Before Town Meeting - PJ will inspect on

Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Salaried Elected Officials - see MaryLou Stymest's above
2. Letter from NHMA, relative to reorganization - NHMA is separating finances from the LGC.
3. Jim Coffey will be meeting with Dave Cutter concerning any punch list items left to address.
4. Discuss set for voting on May 14 - voting booths will be set up on May 13, in the evening.
5. Tax bills will be mailed on May 22 or 23 and will be due on July 1, 2013.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. Police Department Inventory
2. Memo From Upton & Hatfield / Fairpoint appeal of taxed value of equipment.
3. Town & City magazine

No action taken on the above items.

The Board went into executive session at 8:20 PM per RSA 91A: 3II(a) concerning personnel:

John Halter - yes

Harry Power - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes

John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to exit from the executive session at 8:40 PM,

the board approved.

There were no decisions or actions taken during the executive session and John Halter moved and Harry Power seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely.

ADJOURN:

Harry Power moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 8:40 Pm, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Harry Power

Arnie Stymest

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- 7:00 Harry Power
- 7:10 Chief LaMothe
- 7:30 MaryLou Stymest (Cemetery Maintenance-Supervisors)
- 8:00 Dr. Fred Ward
- 8:15 Non-Public Session- (RSA 91A:3 II (a))

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