

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2012**

Submitted by stoddard on Wed, 05/16/2012 - 7:04pm.

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

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

Prior to opening the meeting Arnie Stymest announced that the annual road cleanup (from Route 9 to Route 10) would be conducted Saturday, May 19, 2012 with volunteers to meet at the Stymest's for vests and trash bags. They really need volunteers to step up and help. The event ends with a cookout at Beverly & Harry Power's place.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 Harry Power - Building Permits approved for David & Debby Weaver, Charles Fosberry & Joanne Maxwell. Harry noted that the Maxwell permit has several restrictions on it; including having no water piped to the 2 travel trailers being placed on the lot and that the water will be supplied by a well with a hand pump installed. The septic will be a Porta-Potty that will be serviced by Henniker Septic Services until a state approved septic system is installed. The permit restricts use to seasonal use (May - October). Harry also reported that he had discovered a parcel

Tax Map 102, Lot # 53 that has a building constructed at the water's

edge with no building permit issued. He will be contacting the owner.

Harry also discovered a lot on Stoddard Point Way that has several junked vehicles on it. He contacted the owner, who has promised to have the lot cleaned up within the next month.

7:15 Dan Scully and Larry Wilson of MacMillin appeared to determine what would be needed for the Town Meeting of tomorrow. It was decided that the first 3 articles will be moved to the end of the warrant and the meeting will be recessed to a place, time and date (June 26, 2012) certain. Dan passed out a draft of a handout that he could have available for the voters. Patricia Putnam asked if the back page of the handout could be expanded to 2 sheets in order for the plans to be readable. Mr. Scully agreed. However, Dan and Larry Wilson were not in favor of postponing because the contractors might not hold their prices and they also may take other jobs, leaving the Town Hall project to run into next year, with winter not allowing finish painting and grading around the building. Louis GrandPre' moved and John Halter seconded to call a recess at the Town Meeting to June 26, 2012 @ the school @ 7:00 pm. The motion was accepted. Dan Scully will be back in a couple weeks to have a Power Point presentation along with a total bid package from MacMillin. They will provide a handout for interested parties.

Mike Oldershaw asked if the contractor gave the amount of money for the board.

Richard Garipey explained that the projected estimates were based on a compilation of several former estimates. For the bond hearing, that

amount was used to hold a place on the warrant. Mike Oldershaw said Dan had given the estimates. Dan Scully admitted that his estimates were low by 20%. Louis

GrandPre' said it was closer to 30%. Carole Briere asked for a clarification of Article 2. Arnie Stymest explained that Warrant Article 2 would be eliminated at the Town Meeting. The Selectmen and Dan Scully are working on Warrant Article 3 only.

7:45 Linda Clark - said she has questions on budgets, pay rates, and if her

deputy was going to be paid more than the former deputy and the assistant

deputy are being paid and she was not comfortable with that. She requested clarification of the agreement the Selectmen signed for Joan, where no department head signature was asked or given. John Halter suggested no action be taken until the Selectmen can meet with Joan, the board agreed. She feels the pay rates should stay the same until more business is generated, possibly registering boats. At that time the pay rates should be addressed because of the extra work that boats will create.

She also pointed out that the current phone is a residential phone and does not appear in the phone books. She proposes to get the phone into the Town of Stoddard's name and that it be a business listing, along with DSL, which will cost more but is the proper way to go. She wondered if the budget was built in such a way that the increased costs would be covered.

8:15 Patricia Putnam explained that the ZBA secretary needs access to a fax

machine. She wanted to know if Kathy should be issued a key to the BOS office or did they want to purchase a fax machine for her. John Halter said

it would be cheaper to give a key. John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest

seconded to provide a key, the board approved.

#### TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Accounts Payable Voucher
2. Payroll Voucher
3. Minutes of May 7, 2012
4. Linda Clark, Town Clerk Salary
5. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber, Tax Map 408, lots 13 & 15.

All the above were signed.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Various building project items - discussed during the Scully section above.
2. PJ reported that the Fire Department is contracting for a Toe Board along the cat walk, that the Department of Labor is requiring.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Fireproofing Stage Curtains - Patricia Putnam reported that the company that does the fire proofing no longer does "house calls". We would have to box them up and ship them to the vendor. She suggested that they be boxed up and stored until the upgrades to the Town Hall are completed - the board agreed.
  2. Discuss Bond Procedures with Administrator
  3. Abatement, Peter & Christina Domoulin - the Assessor has denied this abatement because they applied for a deck and enclosed it for a porch. Jim Coffey will notify the owners.
  4. Waste Management Contract Extension Proposal - has proposed that their contract be continued for the next 5 years and they will reduce their monthly price to \$12,800 for the first 2 years. (We are paying \$13,174.90 per month now.) The proposal was taken under advisement.
  5. Budget Request from Island Pond Association, was already included in the budget but it is good to have the letter for backup.
6. Request from Cheshire County Chiefs of Police Association - for the first year's support of the Keene Bobcat Vehicle. Noted that the Selectmen had considered the request during budget building and had refused to participate. David Vaillancourt said it is in his budget. The Selectmen denied paying the bill.

## OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sam Bradley re: Governmental use of buildings - an email explaining the requirements for Governmental use's need to address Life Safety and Fire Marshall requirements.
2. Orr & Reno – AT&T - the entire submittal to the Federal Court, with attachments to backup the submittal of an invoice for the \$25,000 insurance that LGC covers for this type of legal expense.
3. DES notification of routine roadway and railway maintenance - no action taken
4. SWRPC Commission Highlights
5. Jennison/Willard road waiver - noted that the original has been recorded and placed in their property record file. The copy will be placed in their legal file.

6. Thank you note from Garden Club on cover for Town Report
7. Sam Bradley – Holland application before the ZBA
8. Notice of hearing on Williams for a variance for Map 102 Lot # 99-102 - the Selectmen will have a representative at the hearing.
9. Suggested schedule for Articles 2, 3 & 4 on Warrant from David Barnes of the Bond Council.
10. Richard Monahon recommendations from Fire Marshall
11. Notification from Geoffrey Jones on Old Fire Station trees & litter - they  
  
have completed the tree removal and vegetative material cleaned up. A letter  
  
of thanks will be written and sent to Geoffrey Jones and George Preston, who  
  
accomplished the job.
12. Patricia Putnam reported that David Young has noticed the bricks on the front  
  
steps are loose.

ADJOURN

Louis GrandPre' moved and John Halter seconded to adjourn at 8:50 pm, the

Board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Arnie Stymest

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Louis GrandPre'

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John Halter

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### **AGENDA**

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|      |                                                |
|------|------------------------------------------------|
| 7:00 | Harry Power                                    |
| 7:15 | Dan Scully                                     |
| 7:45 | Linda Clark                                    |
| 8:15 | Patricia Putnam, key to office for Kathy Ellis |

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