

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2012**

Submitted by stoddard on Thu, 05/24/2012 - 2:27pm.

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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.

Arnie Stymest moved and Louis GrandPre' seconded to appoint John Halter chairman of the board for the ensuing year, the board approved.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 Harry Power - turned in 2 Building Permits - Tax Map 117 Lot 10 & Tax Map 118 Lot 38 - both were approved.

7:15 Ellen Mason, Tax Collector - cancelled appointment

### **RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS**

1. Arlene DiCorcia asked who would do the excavation on the town hall renovations, why there is no walkout opening for the basement offices, what the proposal is to repair the windows to preserve their historical value and why there was such a difference between the bids and the estimates.
2. Mike Oldershaw noted that the plan calls for a lot that Stoddard does not need.
3. Dian Mathews noted that phase 2 addresses the offices
4. Steve McGerty asked if there is any chance on an alternate proposal with \$600,000 to fix the Town Hall

and \$1,200,000 to build new offices. John Halter said there is not enough time for alternate proposals. He also noted that Article 2 calls for a foundation but no floor or offices. Article 3 would do the entire project with finished offices in the basement at \$1,200,000 and Article 4 is a stopgap measure to fix most of the problems with the Town Hall but does not provide for offices.

#### TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. 2012-Issue Property Tax Warrant - first issue Tax Bills are ready to printed and mailed and will be due July 2, 2012. Jim reported that Proval and BMSI match to the penny.
2. Accounts Payable Manifests (2)
3. Payroll Authorization, Deborah McGerty - cancelled
4. Pistol Permit
5. Minutes of May 14, 2012 - with correction on page 3 where Primex was listed and LGC is the proper organization that carries the Legal Expense Insurance Coverage.

All approved except as noted

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Review Waste Management Proposal - offering to extend the current contract for 5 more years (to start 5/2012 through 6, 2017), lowering the monthly amount to \$12,800 to be held firm until June, 2013 (noted that the reduction for a year is \$4,500) - Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to ask Waste Management for a better offer, the board approved. It was also decided to ask a representative for the Transfer Station management team to attend the June 4, 2012 meeting to discuss the proposal.
2. Review Email from Dan Scully - outlining the areas where his estimates were low.

Ken Holland asked why the bid request wasn't sent out to more contractors. He felt that, if published to the general public, more bids would have been submitted.

Arnie Stymest reminded the board that the Department of Labor requires a response to their report by June 21. Jim Coffey is in the process of appointing a joint loss committee, as required by the DOL. It was suggested that one person from the Library, John Halter from the Selectmen, Jim Coffey and Harry Power would make up the committee, which is required to meet quarterly. Primex will guide the committee in its establishment and roll.

1. Review all building related items and Articles 2, 3 and 4

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss with Administrator - PSNH property tax appeal - (cyclical revaluation) has requested an abatement, challenging the appraisal. The town's appraisal is \$5,508,170 and they are asking for an appraisal of \$3,560,000. The Utility tax rate is \$12.09 due to not liable for the State Education Tax. Their proposal would result in \$29,646 loss in revenue. Jim Coffey recommended the town join

with other towns at a cost of \$3,000 - \$5,000 as the town's share of legal fees to fight the request.

Arnie Stymest moved and Louis GrandPre' seconded to follow Jim Coffey's suggestion to work with other towns across Cheshire County in the Class Action, the board approved.

2. Discuss Deputy Tax Collector Position - withdrawn
3. Jim Coffey mentioned that the town has money left that could cover starting to chip away from the life safety list of concerns that the Fire Department has in the Gould House. Arnie Stymest called for a meeting between the Selectmen, Mr. Monahan and the Fire Marshall to see if the Gould House can be fixed to provide safety for the clubs that are meeting in it. He suggested that a licensed electrician go through the building, noting any electrical hazards, and if any are found, disconnect the circuit(s) involved. (S)he would also provide a list of defects noted. The group would turn in a list of items to be corrected. John Halter said it would be a step in the right direction. Dean Huber said there is a difference between a Licensed Electrician and an Electrical Inspector. The Licensed Electrician could provide a list of discovered issues with the electrical system, after disconnecting them, but an Electrical Inspector would have to check the system out to certify safety concerns had been corrected. Richard Gariepy suggested that the electrician disconnect any hazardous lines and provide a list of the disconnected lines. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to have the electrical looked at, Louis GrandPre' abstained.
4. It was noted that there is a hole in the bridge on North Shore Road and David Vaillancourt should repair it as soon as possible.
5. Arnie Stymest reported that there was a problem, this week, with a large trailer full of dump being unloaded at the transfer station. The driver was told to leave, which he did, but was irate.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Year to Date Expense Report - noted that there is 23% balance in the budget at this time.

Forestry Notification for John LaBrosse

Balloon Test Notice / Troy

Balloon Test Notice /Jaffrey

SBA/AT&T Washington, NH Public Hearing

Invitation from Southwestern Community Services

No action was taken on the items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to enter into a non public session (RSA 91-A:3) - at 8:15 pm.

Arnie Stymest - yes

John Halter - yes

Louis GrandPre' - yes

Exited from non public session - at 8:26 pm

Arnie Stymest - yes

John halter - yes

Louis GrandPre' - yes

The board took no action and the minutes were sealed.

ADJOURN

John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 8:27 pm, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

Arnie Stymest

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