

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2013

Submitted by stoddard on Wed, 06/05/2013 - 4:19pm.

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The meeting opened at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

May 27 recessed meeting was never re-convened.

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.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power - no building permits to address; Harry reported that Chris Olds has agreed to adhere to the extension on his agreement to clean up the vehicles on his property. Harry will visit again on June 29 or 30, 2013 to assure the clean up has been accomplished.

Harry also reported that he has discovered that brokers, via the MLS, have been listing seasonal properties (with questionable septic systems) as year round properties. He has sent letters to 3 brokers explaining the error of their listings.

Harry also reported that the ZBA has a concern with the number of signs that are posted at Mr. Mike's. He visited the property and took pictures. He will turn the pictures over to the ZBA for their consideration. He also reported that he has left a message for Maria Gavin and

she has not returned his call concerning the Jennison, K. Holland and L. Joslyn legal issues. Jim Coffey will send Maria an email.

7:15 - Jean Slepian - met with the board to warn that she is filing a writ of mandamus with the Cheshire County Superior Court later this week, asking for a declaratory judgment. She explained that the Town meeting of 2005 approved a petition article that governed the humane tethering of animals. She reported that the LGC has said the ordinance is seriously flawed and not enforceable. She presumed that the Board of Selectmen would not enforce the ordinance.

Jim Coffey said our law couldn't usurp the state law, which makes it a felony if an animal is not tethered humanely.

8:10 - Linda Clark and Ellen Mason requested a non-public session but did not have a legal reason to enter into one. Ellen asked if her salary could be divided up so she would get a paycheck every 4 weeks. Linda asked for a more uniform payment schedule so she does not have to wait over a week after the end of a month to draw her pay. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that they will have their salary divided by 26 payments, beginning 7/1/2013, and will submit their pay requests at the same time as their deputies' time slips are submitted. Additional fees payment requests will be submitted at the end of the month and will be added to their next paychecks.

Linda asked how Jim was coming along with signs for the Town Hall and Gould House to indicate what activities take place in each. Jim reported that he has them in the next year's budget. She thought parking signs should be installed as some folks park so other cars cannot pass.

Linda asked who is cleaning the Town Hall. Her office hasn't been cleaned, except by her staff, since she moved. She was told that Tabby Kilchewski is the custodian but that Linda had refused to issue her a key so she cannot clean the office. Linda thinks the State will not allow unauthorized staff to have a key to her office. The board noted that Tabby would become an authorized staff member. Linda will check with the state and get back to the board.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS:

1. Gerry Bernier asked if the invoice for there being two attorneys in attendance at the Town Meeting has been received. The answer was not yet, but he was assured that the town would only be invoiced for one attorney. The other attorney was in attendance for experience only.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Abatement for Stoddard Rocks Property - an improper code resulted in the town billing taxes on the Town's property.
3. MS-32, Report of Appropriations Actually Voted and other forms attached.
4. Appointment of Harry Power as Planning Board alternate.
5. Pistol Permits (7)
6. Minutes of May 20, 2013
7. Non-Public Minutes of May 20, 2013
8. Request to Use Town Hall on June 23, 2013 - Barbara Dougeneck asked the board to purchase a suitable plaque to present to Joan Read, at the reception in her honor for serving the town for over 40 years. The Selectmen agreed to purchase one. They also agreed to foot the expense of the reception for not more than \$300.00. The hall rent and deposit were waived.
9. Appointment of Stephen McGerty as Deputy Fire Warden

All the above were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter to Mr. Dennis Carlisle from Jim Coffey RE: Shed Removal - Jim Coffey presented the letter he wrote and gave to Dennis for the board's information.
2. PSNH Restructuring Order - Jim Coffey explained the history of the litigation that PSNH and FairPoint Communications have filed against most of the towns in the state, to bring Steve up to date. No action is needed on this order as George Sansoucy is handling it for all the towns.
3. Copy of Fax to LGC For MV Claim Filed Against Town. Jim Coffey reported that the State Farm Insurance Company has sued the town to recoup the costs incurred when one of their insured hit a plow truck. Jim has sent the issue to Primex (LGC) and they will be notifying State Farm that the truck is not a vehicle owned by the Town. David Vaillancourt had reported the accident to his insurance company and was told of the error by State Farm.

4. Welfare Conference - June 13, 2013

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ZBA Notice
2. Check with BOS on attendance at Selectmen's Institute. Steve McGerty will plan to attend the institute starting in the fall.
3. Chairman of Board - Steve McGerty felt he was experienced enough to chair Selectmen's meetings. John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to appoint Steve chairman for this year, the board approved.
4. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to return the board meetings to the 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays of the month beginning next week, the board approved.
5. Jim Coffey reported that he met with David Cutter and the architect concerning the approved repairs to the Gould House and Town Hall. The architect thinks it is possible to coat the walls in the Town Clerk's office to seal the flammable wall material. Steve McGerty asked if the board would go out to bid on the job and was told that the board was satisfied with the Cutter Construction work and that they are familiar with both buildings and the board considers it a work in progress. Cutter Construction and the architect will be presenting a complete spec to the board and the board will be able to negotiate with what is presented. Steve McGerty asked if ceiling fans could be installed to help with the high ceilings and heating and cooling the meeting space. John halter noted that the fans have been discussed and thought they would be included in the spec.
6. Representative to Planning Board - John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to appoint Steve representative to the Planning Board for the 2013/2014 year, the board approved. Arnie Stymest will attend the 6/4 meeting as Steve has previous plans that will interfere with his making that meeting.
7. John Halter has had contact from the transfer station attendant reporting that townspeople are not up to speed with what is accepted at the station. Jim Coffey look into a flyer for distribution to folks at the transfer station, town hall and Gould House.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADJOURN:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

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AGENDA

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7:00 Harry Power

7:15 Jean Slepian – Litigation (See letter in Old Business folder
dated December 11, 2012)

8:00 Linda Clark & Ellen Mason - non-public session requested

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