

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2012

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

Attendees included John Halter, Selectman Chairman, Arnie Stymest, Selectman, Louis GrandPre', Selectman, 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 - presented one building permit for signature - Peschel for screening in an existing deck.

7:15 - PJ Lamothe & Joe Sarcione - reported that they have received another bid for the work to the Old Fire Station. The Selectmen requested that the Fire Department stick with the bids formerly presented.

They also reported that the rescue vehicle is in the shop with serious rusting issues for the boxes. It is at Valley Fire Equipment and they reported that it would need about \$10,000 to repair the rust damage. They found the floor is rusted through also.

Jim Coffey asked how long would it take to fix it. Joe said it could fall apart at any time. No estimate of repair time was given. Jim Coffey will make a record on the budget. Joe and PJ also reported that Stoddard is on part of the Town of Nelson's area to be toned out, as they no longer

have any certified and licensed EMTs on their Fire Department. Their Rescue Vehicle is also out of service and not registered.

Joe Sarcione reported another brush fire that was off Shedd Hill Road in the Pickerel Cove area where dense vegetation made the response difficult. There was a boat in the area that volunteered to ferry equipment and personnel to the fire scene. During the transport, the boat hit a submerged rock and the boater was thrown overboard with significant injury. Some of the folks around the area reported smelling smoke around midnight but the Pitcher Mountain Fire Tower spotted the smoke at 1:32 pm. Residents also reported seeing a boat pulling away from the area around 1:00 am. There is some concern that fireworks or a cigarette might have started the fire. There were fresh beer cans in the fire's location. Investigation continues. The dense brush caused several fire fighters to be sent back due to heat exhaustion.

7:30 - Randy Clark - read a statement wherein he asked the town to pull articles 7 & 8 of last year's town meeting warrant, and the Selectmen explained, that when an article is placed on the table at a town meeting and the meeting closes without addressing that article, the article is dead. It cannot be pulled back for consideration. He praised the board for all their hard work on the Town Office needs. He looked up in the town reports for 2006 where the town voters approved a driveway and wetlands crossing to access the proposed new town office-building site. He also found that in 2008 the building committee where George Preston recommended putting together our holistic concept of the what the Gould House and Town Hall could be as a Town Center. Mr. Clark proposed that the building, on Cahill Drive, be a single floor with radiant heat in the pad and where ADA needs are considered and met.

Jim Coffey is looking into an engineer to assist in a RFP of the Town Hall repairs.

7:45 - Dean Huber reported that PSNH has run a new electric cable and transformer and hooked up to his newly installed electric service panel. Dean asked about the electric, phone, etc needs to provide swing space for the town hall repairs. Jim Coffey reported that the storage trailer has been delivered.

Dean Huber recommended electrical circuits to handle Air Conditioners. It was decided that Jim Coffey will work with Dean to locate where equipment will be placed so as to have outlets where they will be required.

8:00 - Carole Briere read a statement about volunteers not being recognized for their many hours

of service to the Town and its facilities. She further related that it was disappointing to have the town's people turn down any funds for needed office space. She reported some comments, by a few firemen, that the FD should burn down the Gould House as a training exercise. She also reported that some people are afraid of someone in office.

Dick Briere also read a statement that relayed his great disappointment to many residents on the results of July 10th meeting. He said there is word around town that the many individuals that have volunteered over the years are quitting.

He also related that the \$166,500 would not cover anywhere near the scope of repairs needed to the Town Hall.

He suggested that the town go out for new bids for the project.

8:15 - MaryLou Stymest presented a letter from Charlotte Pratt resigning her Cemetery Trustee position due to failing health. MaryLou said she has a letter from Barbara Dougeneck agreeing to step up to the vacated position until next year, when she will need to run for the position. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to appoint Barbara Dougeneck until the May 2013 town meeting, the board approved. John Halter swore her in.

RUDEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Arlene DiCorcia asked about the 2010 site for a new building on Cahill Drive. She remembered that the price tag for the building was somewhere around \$800,000 with nothing built in for site preparation, septic system, well, electric and phone lines, along with a 2nd access road which will be required.

MaryLou Stymest said she is concerned that a private party boat was used to ferry the fire fighters to the Pickerel Cove fire when the Department has its own party boat. She wanted to know why the town's boat was not used.

Amy Rokoszak said she is sad, referring to the July 10th Town Meeting. She related that she learned that there was an overheard comment that the Gould House would provide a good training project to burn it down. She called for Joe Sarcione and Steve Rockwell to be put on suspension from the Fire Department for a period of time.

Arnie Stymest moved and Louis GrandPre' seconded to invite Steve Rockwell and Joe Sarcione to the next Selectmen's meeting for their input on the subject. They also asked Amy to attend, which she agreed to.

Mike Oldershaw, referring to the Old Fire Station, asked why the trees that are growing on the roof haven't been removed. He also reported that the upper part of Juniper Hill Road is in need of some water run off damage repairing. He said the part, where David Vaillancourt repaired the lower part of the road, held up under the torrent of rain last Sunday evening. Now the upper part needs some attention.

Steve McGerty asked who wrote the firemen's comments letter m- Carol Clark wrote the email.

Jim Coffey reported that the clerk of the work position had one application, although the position isn't available due to the failure to fund the project.

Ken Holland asked if the \$8250 bid includes removing the mold inside the building. That is a part of the bid, which the Selectmen asked the Fire Department to hire the bidder that sent in that bid.

Joe Van Schaick reported on the Highland Lake Unified Association's annual meeting where the number of persons and the weight of those persons have been upgraded by the Coast Guard, due to swamping of boats. He noted that the average adult is no longer 150 pounds. He reported that the light on a rock in the lake has been destroyed and they have replaced it. The no wake sign on a buoy has been stolen and replaced. He also relayed that one of the Lake Host worker's vehicles broke down at Treelyn Road and by the time that Host returned someone had stolen 3 of the tires right off the vehicle. The 4th tire was in the dirt too far to be quickly removed.

MaryLou Stymest asked about all the boat trailers that are parked on both side so the Road, near the Highland Lake lower boat ramp. She understood that the fishermen were to park their vehicles and trailers up at the School and that isn't being done. Joe Van Schaick thought that the widening of the road when the culvert was replaced made enough space to park along the road.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. MS-2 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted-See JC
3. July 9, Minutes

All the above where signed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Letter to PSNH about the streetlight on Route 9 - John Halter reported that the light has been fixed and is lighted now. The town has decided to pay for that light to remain lighted.
2. Juniper Hill Road intersection needs to be checked out.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss implementation of Article 4., Memo from Administrator - Jim Coffey discussed the need for swing space during the removal of lead based paint, interior walls and ceiling. He addressed the concern, of the employees housed in the Town Hall, of danger of being exposed to dangerous dust, fumes, etc. Jim Coffey did agree to find an engineer to work on the Town Hall job. The computers need to be in a fairly dust free, cool location too.

Dean Huber asked where the Selectmen's meetings would be held during the renovations - it was decided that the space needed has not been explored at this time.

2. Cemetery Trust Correspondence - covered under appointments.

ADJOURNED

Arnie Stymest moved and Louis GrandPre' seconded to adjourn at 8:50 pm, the board approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

Arnie Stymest

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AGENDA

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7:00 - Harry Power

7:15 - PJ LaMothe & Joe Sarcione - Old Fire Station Repairs

7:30 - Randy Clark - Town Facilities

7:45 - Dean Huber – Gould House electrical work

8:00 - Carole & Dick Briere – commentary on Town Meeting

8:15 – Mary Lou Stymest - Cemetery Trustees business

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OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. LGC Municipal Volunteer Awards Flyer
2. Wells Fargo Settlement