

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2013

Submitted by stoddard on Sat, 07/27/2013 - 9:49am.

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The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, lead by Harry Power.

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 - presented 2 building permits for signatures. Maurice & Janice Dwyer, Tax Map # 131 Lot # 2 to enclose the rear entrance and Lance Williams, Tax Map # 422 Lot # 29.1 for a garage - he approved both.

7:30 - Sandra Smith - Wilfred Smith property - Ms. Smith was presented with a statement of what she owes on the Smith property. She asked if the board would grant her an abatement of the interest due if she paid the balance due on the taxes themselves. Jim Coffey recommended that the interest of \$231.09 be abated with the stipulation that she pays the balance due within 30 days. If paid within that time line there will be no more interest due. The board approved that recommendation and Ms. Smith assured the board the check would be sent promptly.

7:45 – Fred Ward - Dr. Ward asked who advised that the items turned over to him from his 91A request have excluded items due to Attorney/Client privilege. Jim Coffey said various boards got advise from their attorney. Dr. Ward asked who decided what to exclude

and Jim Coffey did the sifting of the Board of Selectmen's records. Atty. Matt Surge advised the ZBA. Dr. Ward insisted that there is a massive amount of information that has not been turned over to him, mostly emails between the Selectmen and the ZBA members. Jim Coffey said he had searched and turned over all that he would find.

Dr. Ward asked who produced the information from the ZBA records. He is looking for emails. Angel Nicoletti gave Jim Coffey the information and he printed it out and gave it to Dr. Ward.

Dr. Ward asked who redacted the invoices. It was said that the attorney for the firm supplying the invoices decided which items should be redacted due to Attorney/Client privilege. Dr. Ward asked who the client was – Jim Coffey and the Selectmen said the Town of Stoddard is the client.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS:

MaryLou Stymest met with the board in response to a suggestion from Harry Power concerning the exit road in the New Down Cemetery. Mr. Power feels repairs are needed due to dips in the road and it is becoming grassed over. It was thought that David Vaillancourt could add a couple loads of gravel to the road and grade it over. MaryLou Stymest would rather Land Contractors Company do the work because they are the ones that open graves and are very familiar with the cemetery in general. She felt that the current cemetery budget could afford \$500 to \$600 for repairs to the road. It was suggested that she add the road repairs to her 2014-2015 budget.

Virginia GrandPre' met with the board asking to use the Red Room of the Gould House to hold a meeting to the Trustees of Trust Funds on August 4th at 1:00 PM the board approved. Various items of trust fund nature were discussed.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest

3. July 8, Minutes
4. June 24, Non-Public Minutes
5. Pistol/Revolver License
6. Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 410, Lot 09
7. DRA Form PA-28 notification – inquiring if the town would be using inventories this year.
8. Form PA-16, Reimbursement for Federal & State Forest Land
9. LUCT Tax Collector's warrant and assessment for Map/Lot 122-34 - Whitney Road
10. LUCT Tax Collector's warrant and assessment for Map/Lot 420-14 - Route 9

The last two items concern current use changes on properties. Jim Coffey reported that a lot of the land in Current Use throughout the town has not been recorded at the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds. He will be researching the Current Use properties to ascertain that they have been properly recorded. If they have not, the recording will be completed as soon as possible.

All the above were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Town Hall & Gould House repairs – the proposed contract is for \$90,800 plus the renovations required, by the Fire Marshall, in the Town Clerk's Office.
2. Discuss Wilfred Smith Property – see above

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gift from the Family of the late William Callinan – the town was gifted a beautiful needlepoint picture of various items of importance in the State of New Hampshire. The Board expressed appreciation for the gift and it will be hung in the Gould House.
2. Discuss EOY Balance Sheet and Expense Report – Jim Coffey reviewed the end of fiscal year balance with \$58,246.51 surplus.
3. Petition to layout Aten Road as a Class V Publicly Maintained Highway – the board took the petition under advisement with no comment.
4. Email to the Town from Senator Shaheen's office concerning the Veteran's Tax Credit. Jim Coffey has answered Senator Shaheen's email indicating that the Veteran had served in a non-qualifying period and was not eligible for a Veteran Tax Credit. Jim has not had any further communication with the Senator's office.
5. Consider raise in mileage rate (FED is \$.565) – John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to raise the mileage rate to \$.50/per mile, the board approved.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

Miscellaneous items – nothing addressed.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

1. Steve McGerty reported that he had a conversation with PJ LaMothe about her being upset with the number of people in the Town Hall during Joan Read's reception and she said she was not up set.
2. Steve McGerty requested that the title of Selectman be removed from Harry Power's name on the June 3, 2013 Selectmen's minutes.
(secretary's note: that title was removed prior to the minutes being posted and signed by the Selectmen.)
3. Steve McGerty suggested that the board meet every week during the renovation construction to address any issues that come up. The board decided to authorize Jim Coffey to work with the contractor and to email or call the Selectmen if any major issues arise.
4. Steve McGerty called for temporary lighting to be placed on the Gould House during the renovations to that building to replace the lighting that was taken down for the outside renovations. He also did not want any more construction to occur, on either building, until the Selectmen have an opportunity to review the contract.

John Halter said he was comfortable with the renovations starting and that the contractor had done a good job on the Town Hall. The board agreed that temporary lighting be put in place.

Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to approve the contract for \$92,000 for the renovations to both buildings, with the understanding that any other changes will be require change orders, the board approved with Steve McGerty voting against.

5. Steve McGerty asked about what would be the consequences if the

bridge on Shedd Hill Road was damaged. He wanted to know if Old Antrim Road could be upgraded to serve as an exit road. It was noted that the beavers have flooded a section of that road to the point that it would be a massive project to make it passable to Barrett Pond Road and on to Route 9.

6. Steve McGerty asked why the Town Clerk's Office still had not been cleaned. He was told that the Town Clerk would not issue a key to the custodian. Jim Coffey will research the idea that the Town Clerk has that she is not allowed to have any one in her office when the staff is not there.

7. Steve McGerty asked about the Fire Marshall having any concern about the Kitchen and Bathrooms in the Town Hall not being ADA compliant. Jim Coffey reported that the town has a plan and that satisfies the Fire Marshall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to enter into executive session at 9:52 PM, the board approved:

John Halter - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes

Steve McGerty – yes

After discussion, John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to exit the executive session at 9:55 PM, the board approved.

There was no action or decision taken and the minutes were sealed indefinitely.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 9:59 PM, the board approved.

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

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