

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2012

Submitted by stoddard on Fri, 08/31/2012 - 5:16pm.

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

Attendees included 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 2 letters he has sent concerning -

1. Tax Map 106 Lot 13 to cover house build without a building permit.

2. Tax Map 123 Lot 5 building 2 sheds without a building permit

He also presented a building permit for Tax Map 113 Lot 57 for an Addition, which was approved, and the BOS signed.

7:15 - Joe Sarcione and Steve Rockwell presented letters, which they read concerning a former presentation of hearsay that accused them of wanting the Gould House burned for a FD exercise.

See the letters included with these minutes.

Arnie Stymest read an email, from Attorney Sam Bradley, on the subject of removing names from the minutes, indicating that the removal is not allowed because the names were referred to at the meeting.

They also asked for the minutes of the non-public meeting on the subject.

7:30 - Steve McGerty concerning Gould House and Olde Home Days.

Old Home Days were received well and a good time was had

By all. Steve Rockwell is willing to hold the occasion again next

year. He requested that the BOS sent a letter of appreciation to

Steve for a job well done. Louis GrandPre' moved and Arnie

Stymest seconded to send a letter to Steve, the board approved.

He also said Amy Rokoszak would have the position on the Safety

Committee if she wants it. It wasn't something that he particularly

wished to serve on. It was explained that the position needed to be filled

by an employee who did not have supervision responsibilities as a part

of that employee's job.

7:45 - J A Jubb - did not appear

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. 3 A/P manifests

2. Minutes of 8/9, 8/13, 8/15 and 8/17

All were signed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss DOL compliance and Article 4 from the Town meeting, Arnie Stymest read aloud the bid for the Town Hall renovations.

2. Jim Coffey explained the letter that has been received from the Department of Labor granting an extension until December 22, 2012 for municipal offices and November 1, 2012 for all other items.

Steve McGerty suggested that the DOL letter be posted on the Town's web site with explanation of each number included.

Concerning the Town Clerk's waiver to remain in Joan's house, Jim Coffey said the waiver was up until June and the town needs to come up with a plan to move that office to a town building.

3. Fire Rescue Truck repair bid - Tucker Metal Fabrication & Welding submitted a bid of \$3,268.00 to repair the rust. Louis GrandPre' moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to award the work to Tucker and gave Chief LaMothe permission to authorization to get the job done.

RUDEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Arlene DiCorcia asked about where the senior lunch will be held if the town hall is not available. The board feels that the work to the town hall will not interfere with that function.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter from John Richards, exec. Director of Governor's Council on Disability concerning the NH Building code changes to conform to Federal ADA.
2. West Nile virus notice - all found in the southeastern area of the state.
3. Notice of a new Public Works Employee Memorial - dedicated to worked who lost their lives in the line of their work.
4. Rodney Williams v. Town of Stoddard (ZBA), order of notice.
5. Jim and Tammy Boyd-Jameson, appraiser, are working with the State on upgrading of equalization via the web.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. 3 Lake Water Test Results
2. SWRPC Commission Highlights
3. NH LGC correspondence regarding administrative hearing process brought by the Secretary of State.
4. Report of Trustees of Trust Funds
5. Notice from Primex of chainsaw training for municipal employees.
6. Planning Board Minutes of August 7, 2012

7. MS-4 preliminary for September 1 filing

8. MS-5 - balance sheet for town to determine the tax rate.

All were taken under advisement with no action taken.

ADJOURN

Louis GrandPre' moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 7:45 pm, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

Arnie Stymest

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AGENDA

August 27, 2012

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 Harry Power

7:15 Joe Sarcione & Steve Rockwell - statements made by Amy Rokoszak

7:30 Steve McGerty – Gould House & Old Home Days

7:30 Chief LaMothe, Rescue Vehicle Repair- Item 3, Old Business

7:45 J.A. Jubb / Dan Burrows, Bid Questions

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Accounts Payable Manifests(3)
2. Minutes of August 9, 13, 15 and 17.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss DOL compliance and Article 4 Town Hall repairs
2. Department of Labor letter granting an extension until December 22, 2012 for municipal offices and November 1, 2012 for all other items.
3. Discuss Fire Rescue Truck Bids

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OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Lake Water Test Results (3)

SWRPC Commission Highlights

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Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

Notice from Primex of chainsaw training for municipal employees

Planning Board Minutes of August 7, 2012

MS-4, Preliminary for September 1, filing.

Letters that have become a part of the Selectmen's meeting minutes:

8/27/2012

Letter in response to Monday night Selectman meeting.

My name is Joseph Sarcione and I am here in response to the Selectman meeting on July 30th 2012.

I first would like to say that I have served this community for 39 yrs. and have been a residence and tax payer for that amount of time. I am a member of one of the most respected and dedicated professions known. The cohesion and dedication in this department and the Fire Service is far from none. We are very dedicated to our community. We answer all calls day or night, in all types of weather conditions, also on any personal occasions, such as, Holidays, Birthdays, Anniversaries, whether it be Summer or Winter. If you can recall during the July 10th town meeting, the call for help came in and all the firefighters and first responders that were present left to answer the call for help. We gave up our right to vote because someone needed help. I have served as a Firefighter, First Responder, and Training Officer. I have been at the school teaching our kids fire prevention as well as the town itself for a number of years. I teach around the state Wildland firefighting, and serve this town and state as the Forest Fire

Warden, Special Deputy Warden, and as an instructor for the State Fire Academy, and the Division of Forest and Lands.. I am currently serving as the Deputy Fire Chief for this department. I am very proud to belong to this department and those who serve it.

I serve as a member of the Emergency Team for the town developing emergency plans and working in the Emergency Operation Center during any emergency events that the town may encounter. I find it very disturbing and heart breaking to find out that we have people in this town that have disgraced this department of which I belong too because of personal feelings by writing e-mails from places of business to other members of organizations in town. I also am very upset that this board listened to Amey Roseck read an e-mail that was written by another. The e-mail did not mention my name, only the fire department in general. Amey Rosack mentioned my name from hear say. She was no were near where I was sitting and had no right to mention my name in any way shape or form. This board should have stopped this reading of the e-mail immediately but failed to do so and allowed Amey Rosack to harass, embarrass, and disgrace me. The town attorney should have also stopped the selectman from posting my name on the internet not knowing all the facts.

I am at this time considering legal action for harassment. I insist that Amey Rosack make a public apology to the fire department, the person who wrote the e=mail and to me for the e-mail that she read in public and what was done to me after my and our dedication to this community not knowing what she was talking about.

Next I would like to address the comments made about my decisions made on Wildland fires. Anyone who wants to know anything about the Forest Fire Wardens duties can look them up in the RSA's. I will from this time on only bring in my report on the bill and will no longer address this board or any other selectman board while these people who have nothing to do but criticize everything, on what happens on Wildland fires. If the select board needs information it will only be given in closed door sessions or they can get the reports from my supervisor.

Unfortunately things now are so bad that nothing can be said without someone criticizing someone. There are some people in this town who have nothing to do but to sit in meetings and start criticizing everything going on. It's sad but true. Maybe if these people took some of their energy and put them into something productive then it might ease the pain for others.

Someday this community will be a better place to live in when these people are stopped and or leave. Unfortunately there are people in this town who also felt that we should have been suspended from the Fire Department on something that had no merit to it and would be the first to call in an emergency for help.

I have been advised by our lawyer that under the right to know law we have the right to the meeting notes that were taken at the closed door session that we were not invited into when it had everything to do with myself and Steve. I am asking this board to release the minutes to us before we have to have our lawyer do it for us.

I would like this letter to the Board of Selectmen to be posted in the minutes of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Sarcione

Citizen of the Town of Stoddard.

8/27/2012

My name is Steven Rockwell and I am here to respond to comments made during the Selectman's meeting of July 16, 2012.

I would like to begin by stating that I grew up in this town and lived here for 13 years. In December of 2002 I returned to town shortly after the passing of my father. In 2005 I was honored to become a Volunteer Fire Fighter as was my father before me. I have been an officer of the department (secretary/treasurer) for the past 6 years. I have been a business owner in a professional capacity for the past 21 years. As a licensed Insurance Agent I am held to the highest level of professional/ethical standards.

As someone who has dedicated himself to my community I am ashamed of the entire situation

that Joseph Sarcionne, myself and the entire department have been placed in. We answer calls 365 days a year at all times of the day or night. For the past 7 years I have worked with the School children for Fire Prevention training, attending training classes every month and I am proud to belong to this department and serve alongside my fellow members.

During a public selectman's meeting a confidential email not intended for public view was read aloud. The email was written from a corporate account intended for committee eyes only. The email that named "no names" was read by Amy Rokoszak yet she was allowed to place on record without evidence, two firefighters names based on overheard hearsay saying "burn down the Gould House it would provide for a good training exercise".

As Amy Rokoszak was nowhere near either of the named fire fighters I would like to go on record stating that at no time did either Joseph or I make any statement or comment regarding burning down the Gould House. I am disappointed and embarrassed that the entire situation was allowed to be made public record without prior investigation into the allegations. To allow such a blatant attack on individual's character and reputation is without understanding. The reading of the email served no apparent purpose other than to allow one individual the opportunity to stir up trouble and the board further condoning and recording her hearsay has created further animosity and embarrassment towards the entire fire department.

I am requesting that Amy Rokoszak make a public apology to the entire fire department, to the individual who wrote the email for betraying her privacy and making false statements regarding Joseph Sarcionne and myself. As an individual taxpayer, firefighter, and professional business owner I insist that a retraction or statement be placed on record and that the website reflect the accusations were unfounded.

I thank you for allowing me this time and hope to continue serving my community, as my father before me, for many years to come.