

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

November 23, 2020

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

Attendees included Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Robert Fee, Selectman, Steve McGerty, Selectman, Michelle Pong, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public attended.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

7:00 – Harry Power – Building Permits

Tax Map # 126, Lot # 41, Christopher & Jennifer Hahn, 91 Shedd Hill Road, partial addition and deck, approved.

### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

1. Steve McGerty read a letter thanking the taxpayers, residents and Selectmen for electing him for the third time as a Selectman.
2. Steve McGerty said the town should not be issuing building permits because we do not have a building inspector. Harry Power said the town does not have Building Codes and is allowed to issue building permits. The town has used this: "Intent to build" for years and we now enforce the Town Zoning regulations.
3. Steve McGerty asked if there was any information on the mailboxes up at Hidden Lake Development. The Marlow Postmaster has ruled that the Town has no authority to move them. He has sent a letter to the mailbox owners about that.
4. Chris Madden asked Michelle Pong to check with the NH Municipal Association and the Tax Collectors Association for training to get the staff in the Tax Collector's office trained. Michelle Pong did report that there is one day of training scheduled now.
5. Chris Madden reported that he has had several phone complaints on people walking along Protection Road to get to the other end to go hunting and for exercise. The owner of the land on either side of the road is threatening them. Protection Road is a Class VI road. Bob Fee said that Class VI roads can be designated for recreation travel and, with notification to the Fish and Game Department, side by side and recreational vehicle users would not be fined. The Selectmen have to designate which roads will have that distinction. Harry Power said the town should make sure that Class VI roads are available to the public.
6. Steve McGerty said there are heavy trucks using Kings Highway, even though it is posted for a limit of 10 tons.
7. Bob Fee said there should be a second access to Hidden Lake Development. Chris Madden said the board called for a meeting with management and other department heads to discuss access and no one attended. Bob Fee said the cheapest way to provide a second access is to upgrade Copeland Road or Bridge Hill Road – and estimated maybe \$65,000 to do the upgrade.

### **SIGNED/APPROVED:**

1. A/R and P/R Manifest

2. Minutes of 11/09/2020
  3. Maintenance Agreement for GIS Internet Services (CAI – 911 and Tax Maps)
  4. Use of Town Hall Agreement
  5. PO for tires for the Fire Department
- All the above were signed.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Joe Traniello asked who was responsible for moving the Hidden Lake Development mailboxes – the Postmaster has ruled that the owners are.
2. Joe Traniello asked when the bids are due for the Kings Highway project – answer – 12/14/2020.
3. Noreen Durand asked for the Web Site to be upgraded to indicate the food bank being held at the Fire Station.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Covid-19 issues – Re: masks – travel out of state has no ban on employees traveling. See New Hampshire guidelines.
2. Broadband – nothing to report.
3. King's Highway Update – Michelle Pong reported that the bids have been sent out to interested contractors.
4. Ratify Advertisement - Chris Madden moved and Bob Fee seconded to ratify the ad, the board approved.
5. Conservation Commission Appointments – The board approved appointments to the Conservation Commission for Geoffrey Jones, Helen Tam-Semmens and Paul Crosby.
6. Tag Sale Ordinance – Michelle Pong read the change to indicate that there would be no more than 10 days per calendar year for yard/tag sales and that the permit must be obtained 7 days in advance. The proposed ordinance will be sent to Atty. Matt Serge for legal approval. Then there will be a public hearing on it and it will be placed on the Town Warrant for the 2021 Town Meeting.
7. Election Invoices – Dan Eaton met with the board to explain the invoices that he submitted. Chris Madden approved them.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Funding Requests – none available
2. LexisNexis Continuance – the board decided to continue purchasing updates to the RSA books.
3. Election Invoices – see above # 7
4. Light at Shedd Hill Rd. – the board remembered that they had decided to allow the light to be removed. Michelle Pong will call Eversource to begin the removal process.

5. AFLAC Consideration – Michelle Pong will pole the employees to see if there is any interest in purchasing AFLAC insurance. All employees and elected officials are eligible to participate. The first payment would be withheld from their Paycheck and further payments would be paid directly to the company by the participants.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

1. Town Clerk/Tax Collector – no show
2. Cemeteries – approved as presented
3. Police Department – approved as presented
4. Highway and Street Lighting – approved as presented
5. Emergency Management – approved as discussed with Dan Eaton
6. Elections – approved as discussed with Dan Eaton
7. Zoning Board of Adjustment – Jason Kovarik reported that the board has decided to go with the same as last year - board approved.

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURN:** Bob Fee moved and Chris Madden seconded to adjourn at 8:42, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Christopher Madden

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Robert Fee

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Stephen McGerty

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Stoddard Town Hall**  
**AGENDA**  
**November 23, 2020**  
**7:00 pm**

**Also Available on ZOOM:**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPOINTMENTS

Harry Power – Building Permits

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. A/R and P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 11/09/2020
3. Maintenance Agreement for GIS Internet Services (CAI – 911 and Tax Maps)
4. Use of Town Hall Agreement
5. Payroll Authorization

PUBLIC COMMENT (**Agenda Items Only**)

OLD BUSINESS

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Covid-19 issues       | 7. Conservation Commission |
| 2. Broadband             | Appointments               |
| 3. King's Highway Update | 6. Tag Sale Ordinance      |
| 6. Ratify Advertisement  | 7. Election Invoices       |

NEW BUSINESS

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6. Funding Requests       | 9. Light at Shedd Hill Rd. |
| 7. LexisNexis Continuance | 10. AFLAC Consideration    |
| 8. Election Invoices      |                            |

BUDGET WORKSHOP

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| 1. Budget Format of Articles – first decision |                         |
| 1. Town Clerk/Tax Collector                   | 5. Emergency Management |
| 2. Cemeteries                                 |                         |
| 3. Police Department                          |                         |
| 4. Highway and Street Lighting                |                         |

PUBLIC COMMENT (**Non-Agenda Items Only**)

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT:

