

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2020

Opened with Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM

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. A few members of the public attended.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 Harry Power – Building Permits and Septic Issues

Harry reported on three Building Permit applications where there are septic issues preventing him from issuing the Building Permits at this time:

1. Tax Map # 134, Lot # 39, Jeffrey & Lisa Wolfson, 494 Route 123 North (Island Pond), the property is now seasonal and there is only a holding tank for septic. They are living on the property year round and must install a State Approve Septic System.
2. Tax Map # 131, Lot # 7, Leland Chick, 685 Route 123 North (Island Pond), The property is seasonal and there is nothing on file for a State Approved Septic System, The system was supposed to be installed in August but nothing has been done.
3. Tax Map # 115, Lot # 66, The Seven Trust, 80 Tigola Trail, Is on the market as a five bedroom residence. The property is seasonal and there is no septic system on file. There must be a State Approved Septic System installed before the buyer can live there year round.

Harry also read letters from Town Attorney Matt Serge and NH Municipal Association Attorney Stephen Buckley regarding the Town's practice of issuing Town Building Permits. Both attorneys agreed that the Town is not required to enforce State Building Codes; it requires the contractor of the building to follow the State Building and Fire Codes. VII: reads "No municipalities shall be held liable for any failure on the part of the contractor to comply with the provisions of the State Building Codes. He also referred to Title VI, concerning the Freedom of Expression between employers and employees.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
 2. Minutes of 11/30/2020
 3. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
 4. Tax Warrant
 5. Aumentum Agreement for Proval used by the Assessor
- All the above were signed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (**Agenda Items Only**)

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty reported that the Fire Department would be holding a Christmas Party by having the children come by outside the Town Hall on December 18th at 6:00 PM.
2. Steve McGerty reported that Santa would be riding on a Fire Truck on December 20th at 3:30 .
3. Steve McGerty moved to have the participants that worked on the Selectmen's recount at the court to be paid. Chris Madden reported that the budget would not support this payment. There was no second to the motion.
4. Bob Fee reported that the Town is not responsible for Fibercast installation and that they have

until December 15th to get the fiber up into the air and that they have until December 31st to turn on the service to customers.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Covid-19 issues – Michelle Pong reported that the School has someone that has tested positive for Covid-9 and they are remote teaching until January 5th.
2. Broadband – nothing reported
3. King's Highway Update - There were 6 bids for the project and James Hill of Dubois & King is double checking all math on the bids and will report back to Michelle Pong on Wednesday, December 16th on who they recommend awarding the contract to.
PUBLIC BIDS WERE OPENED AT 4PM
4. Cemetery Commission Appointment – Bruce Bell appointed.
5. Trustee of the Trust Funds Appointment – Richard Nicoletti – Chris Madden moved and Bob Fee seconded to appoint Richard Nicoletti to fill the term until the end of Town Meeting, 2023, the board agreed.
6. Supervisor of the Checklist Resignation – Patricia Marotta – Bob Fee moved and Steve McGerty seconded to accept the resignation, the board so voted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hazardous waste Collection – Chris Madden signed the agreement for Hazardous waste collection with the City of Keene for \$1003.00
2. LexisNexis continuance – was addressed at the November 30th

BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Budget Format of Articles – first decision
 1. Solid Waste – up 3% per the contract now in place.
 2. Health and Health Agencies – remaining the same
 3. Welfare – remaining the same
 4. Recreation – minimal @ \$100.
 5. Patriotic Purposes – covers the flags along the highway and the flags for cemeteries
 6. Legal Services – Michelle Pong has increased this line item due to the actual spending in 2019-2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items Only)

1. Jocelyn Summerton reported that a vehicle has been speeding up and down Kings Highway – she passed the information to the board for David Vaillancourt to address
2. Karen Bell suggested having a plaque dedicating the gardens in memory of Mary Lou Stymest.
3. Noreen Durand reported that she found the appearance of the Old Fire Station to be sad. She wanted to know if the Town could fix it up. The Budget for next year includes this repair.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE None

ADJOURN: Chris Madden moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 8:55, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

Stephen McGerty

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Stoddard Town Hall
AGENDA
December 14, 2020
7:00 pm

Also Available on ZOOM:

Join Zoom Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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Broadband

King's Highway Update

PUBLIC BID OPENING AT 4PM

Cemetery Commission Appointment – Bruce Bell

Trustee of the Trust Funds Appointment – Richard Nicoletti

Supervisor of the Checklist Resignation – Patricia Marotta

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ADJOURNMENT

