

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

March 01, 2021

Opened with Pledge of Allegiance

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Harry Power – Building Permits – Duane Osborne, 1 Wendy Road, addition, approved.

Fire Chief – Randy Weaver – no show due to medical emergency

Brush Truck – Updates to new and old Fire Stations

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest

2. Minutes of 01/11/2021, 01/25/2021 and 02/12/2021

3. Fire Dept. Purchase Order - \$1,799.66 – Tires

4. Request to Trustees of the Trust Fund

5. Tax Credit/Exemption requests

1. Applications have been reviewed by Town Administrator and meet the requirements

6. Pistol Permits (2)

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Noreen Durand asked when the Transfer Station Building would be arriving. The Town paid ½ of the fee and they are trying to get the building materials to build it. Covid-19 is slowing down delivery of materials.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Stephen McGerty reported that the snow blower at the Fire Station is in need of repairs. Tyler will pick it up and try to repair it.
2. Stephen McGerty asked when the building permit fees were increased.
3. Stephen McGerty suggested the roads be pretreated prior to forecast storms – He was told that the town had to pay for wells that were contaminated with salt.
4. Stephen McGerty asked if the Road Agent had a contract – he wanted the Road Agent to guide other contractors working on roads in town.
5. Stephen McGerty asked why the Savings Bank of Walpole was awarded the Kings Highway Bond when the town uses People's United Bank – Michelle explained that the interest rate was about the same but the Savings Bank of Walpole did not require a full bond opinion, which is quite expensive.
6. Stephen McGerty asked for copies of all employee contracts

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Covid-19 issues – none
2. Broadband – Mr. Gent requested the town to move snow across from Birch Point so the splicing van is not blocking traffic - it is a private road.
3. King's Highway Update – The residents are happy with the mailbox arrangement. The project is on schedule.

Loan Finalized – the Selectmen have to meet for a loan closing in person. They agreed to meet next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax Credit/Exemption Requests (2) – non-public if necessary
Board voted to go into Non-Public Session at 8:17
Bob Fee – Yes
Stephen McGerty – Yes
Chris Madden – Yes
The board voted to come out of Non-Public Session at 8:37. Chris Madden moved and Bob Fee seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely the board approved.
2. Request from Marina owner – temporary dumpster on Town Property (during clean out).
Stephen McGerty moved and Bob Fee seconded to approve the placement of a temporary dumpster, the board approved.
3. Request from ZBA – Comprise a committee to revise the CPO – the board felt the ZBA should approach the Planning Board first.
4. Emergency Operation Plan ready for updates – Michelle Pong will seek FEMA grants and consult with Daniel A. Eaton.
5. Send photos for Annual Report to Town Administrator
6. Interest in reviewing current income and asset limits for elderly exemptions?
Currently the (single) if \$30,000 and (married) \$50,000. Asset limits are at \$60,000. The board approved Michelle Pong researching the state averages for each. She was also asked to check the veteran exemption levels.
7. Budget was reviewed. It was suggested that the fence at the Transfer Station be stained to preserve it.

Points to ponder for Selectmen Report?

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: Bob Fee moved and Stephen McGerty second to adjourn at 8:38, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

Stephen McGerty

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Stoddard Town Hall

AGENDA

March 1, 2021

(rescheduled from Feb. 22 due to snow)

7:00 pm

Also Available on ZOOM:

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPOINTMENTS

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Fire Chief – Randy Weaver

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Covid-19 issues
2. Broadband
3. King's Highway Update
1. Loan Finalized (?)

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6. Selectmen Suggestions for Articles
7. Budget Overview

1. Points to ponder for Selectmen Report?
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PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items Only)

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT