

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2021

Opened with Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees included Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Robert Fee, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Michelle Pong, Town Administrator – did not attend – was on vacation, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public attended.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Compliance Officer - Harry Power – Building Permits – Open Issues

1. Tax Map # 104, Lot # 15, Douglas Hudson, 190 Power Line Road, Garage, approved
2. Tax Map # 112, Lot # 14, Daniel & Mary Brausch, Nichols Lane, New House, approved
3. Tax Map # 123, Lot # 02, Jeffrey & Angela Bush, 380 Kings Highway, Addition, building permit applied for after the fact, approved
4. Tax Map # 424, Lot # 17, Jeffrey & Caroline Townsend, 56 Arkwood Lane, Addition, approved
5. Tax Map # 120, Lot # 26, Thomas Beach, 142 Fernwood Road, Addition, approved

7:15 Mikki Valcone – Hidden Lake mail Box issues – Mikki Valcone reported complaints on the 100' railings extending to either side of the new bridge. She said they restrict their ability to install mail boxes. The Post Master has said the mail boxes must be on a town road or they will not deliver to them. The Directors of Hidden Lake had designed double decker mail boxes but the area is too small to allow their installation. The Selectmen discussed extending Kings Highway for 200' more to allow the mail boxes to be installed on a town road.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
 2. Minutes of 05/10/2021
- The above were signed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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1. Stephen McGerty asked how the use of the 2 & 3 floors of the Gould House was coming – Chris Madden reported that the Fire Marshall has approved the use of those floors and Randy Weaver has to come and put his stamp of approval on it. If there are offices up there, the staff would have to come down to meet with anyone that comes in to meet with them.
2. Stephen McGerty asked how the direct deposit of P/R was coming – Chris Madden reported that Michelle Pong has said she will work on that in June.
3. Stephen McGerty asked what is happening with Walker Road since Fibercast has finished their building. The Company has been told that vegetation has to be installed, the light on the outside of the building must be shutting down after dark and the vehicles must be removed.
4. Stephen McGerty Asked about the electric bill errors on the electric bill – Patricia Putnam reported that Eversource has moved 2 of the bills to the Street Lighting Bill and she has talked to them about the last one. They has assured her that the last one will be moved. In the meantime, she is charging the correct account for the expense and has moved the old charges to the Street Lighting Account.
5. Stephen McGerty asked if a new monitor with mic has been purchased for Michelle Pong. Patricia Putnam reported that she hasn't seen any replacement yet. The new monitor would allow Michelle Pong to do ZOOM meetings in her office.
6. Stephen McGerty asked about the change in Old Forest Road to eliminate confusion. Chris

Madden reported that the residents on the road do not wish to have it changed.

7. Stephen McGerty asked about grading and trenching on Juniper Hill Road. No answer was given.
8. Stephen McGerty asked about pothole repairs on Shedd Hill Road – David Vaillancourt will be reminded of the problem.
9. Stephen McGerty asked about the progress in changing 415 dispatch for the alarm systems. Michelle Pong will be reminded of the request.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Yard Sale Ordinance – after discussion, the board decided to have a public hearing on the Ordinance. The Public Hearing was set for June 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Department Address – Aaron Costa – Aaron Costa reported that since he purchased his residence @ 895 Route 123 North (the former residence of a past Fire Chief) he has been swamped with packages being delivered there for the Fire Department. Apparently, the former chief had the delivery address for his residence. The Fire Department is at 936 Route 123 North. The delivery has slowed to about 2 packages a year. However, the Drive thru BBQ the Fire Department is holding has been advertised for 895 Route 123 North. Aaron Costa is requesting that the Fire Department posted on their building indicating their address and they being the Fire Department. The Selectmen thought a sign with the 936 Route 123 North address could be posted on the Smoky the Bear statue.
2. Fire Station Purchase Order – Alan Merrill presented a purchase order for a new Defibrillator for \$41,510.96. They have researched a refurbished one but the one they have now was a refurbished one and now there are no parts available to repair it. The new unit is not in the budget and the Fire Department is requesting earmarking maybe \$20,000 from this year's budget and the balance from next year's budget. The Selectmen reviewed the Fire Department's budget and Chris Madden suggested they hold off until Michelle Pong returns to see if she can find funds for this equipment.
3. Building Fee for Eva Lane Lot Owner's Association – fee waiver for Town Hall? Bob Fee moved and Stephen McGerty seconded to allow the use rent free, the board approved.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: Bob Fee moved and Stephen McGerty seconded to adjourn at 8:21, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

Stephen McGerty

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Stoddard Town Hall
May 24, 2021
AGENDA
7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Non Agenda Items Only)

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

