

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2019

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

Attendees included Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Charles Fosberry, Selectman, Robert Fee, Selectman, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Marylou Stymest, Cemetery Issues – She noted that she needs a supply of water to continue to clean the head stones. The funds come out of the McCourt Fund, which was given to the Town for the maintenance of Head Stones in the Dow Cemetery. She has requested the Fire Department to fill the tank but has been told that they do not have the manpower to do the filling. She has provided a tank for the water and Dean Huber volunteered to fill it.

7:15 Harry Power, Permits

1. Tax Map # 109, Lot # 3 – Brian Pratt, 1170 Kings Highway, new dwelling, approved

2. Tax Map # 139, Lots# 12&13 – Andrea Kingsbury, 64 Cove Woods Road,

Munsonville, extension of existing shed, approved

3. Tax Map # 135, Lot # 20 – Anne Nolan, 451 Route 123 North. Prefab shed, approved

4. Tax Map # 112, Lot # 4 – Nick & Ellen van Olden, 68 North Circle, Bensonwood home, approved

5. Tax Map # 124, Lot # 1 – Lynn Bohlen, 150 Whitney Road –rebuild 2nd story in same footprint, approved

7:30 Jason Kovarik, possible ZBA member – Milosh Bukovcan has expressed interest in serving as an alternate member of the ZBA. Jason will submit the information so an appointment form can be filled out.

7:45 Karen Bell, Town Clerk – no show but Jim Coffey noted that she wishes to spend about \$5000 to rearrange the work surfaces in her office.

7:50 – David Vaillancourt – updating work being done on the widening on the right side of School Street. David has not completed the School Street widening but has it on the list of things to be accomplished. Steve McGerty asked where the money would come from and was told that the money is encumbered. David has bid requests out to complete the widening project.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest

2. P/R Manifest

3. Minutes of September 9, 2019

4. Reimbursement from Building Expendable Trust Fund – requesting \$48,261.09 from the Trustees of Trust Funds to reimburse the general fund for expenses.

5. LUCT Release correction

6. Use of Town hall for Yoga

7. Use of Gazebo for Applefest, Town Hall rain location

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Mary Lou Stymest reminded the board that she needs another Supervisor of the Checklist since Jean Kelly has moved. Jim Coffey will place an ad on the town's web site.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fire Station Generator status – Jim Coffey has one bid and is awaiting more. Asked Chief McGerty to forward anyone interested to him for specs.
2. Old Fire Station drainage status – Jim Coffey is waiting for a bid from Homeland in Harrisville.
3. Discuss date to hold hearing related to naming of roads, petition to name an unnamed road running south from Log Cabin Road 775 feet to be named Frank's Way. The Selectmen have the authority to name a road. The road runs from Valley Road Extension to Log Cabin Road. Jim Coffey suggested that the buildings comprising Merriewoode at 3665 Valley Road be assigned an E911 address for each. The board will send notices out to the owners and will include Old Forest Road, for renaming, at the same time.
4. Transfer Station report comparing fees and other charges between towns. Charlie Fosberry researched 180 towns on what they are collecting for fees on the Transfer Station and solid waste disposal. He concluded that a significant amount of money can be saved if fees are instituted in Stoddard.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Hidden Lake Association to control traffic at school bus stop at the junction of Kings Highway and Kennedy Brook Drive. David Vaillancourt recommended that a 3 way stop be instituted. Bob Fee moved and Chris Madden seconded to purchase and install 3 stop signs, the board agreed.
2. Irving Energy agreement for propane (1.232/gal) and fuel oil (2.595/gal) for ensuing heating season. There is no "prepay."
3. Harris Center Request for "stewardship." Harris Center has purchased 543 acres, formerly owned by Green Crow. They wish to establish a stewardship where there will be no building on the property. The Conservation Commission has agreed to walk the property occasionally to insure that the stewardship remains. Chris Madden moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to place the property in stewardship with the Conservation Commission insuring that the stewardship remains unbuilt, the board approved.
4. Electric Service Reimbursement Agreement. (continuation) Jim Coffey explained that the electric bills are submitted to Standard Power quarterly and the town receives a refund.
5. Discuss possible IT services agreement. (future) Arcomm Communications provides the IT services for the town and Jim Coffey recommended they continue. The board was agreeable.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of Pro Bono referral program from NH Bar Association
2. NH Surplus Auction Notice the state will hold the auction on October 19 commencing at 8:00 AM. The Fire Department will take their quod down to be sold.
3. Notice of SWRC Fall Meeting – October 8, 2019 - No Selectman plans to attend.

ADJOURN: Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 8:25, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

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