

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

December 09, 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 Harry Power, Permits & Code Issues

1. Tax Map # 422, lot # 19 – Daniel & Kim Shawver, 980 Route 9, complaint from renter, Lan Corey, that the building he is living in (lower level) has been had renters living on the upper level. The upper level is unoccupied at the present time. Jim Coffey will write to the owners that they will have to go to the ZBA if they wish to rent 2 levels of the building.

2. Tax Map # 415, Lot # 16.4 – Nancy Kavanagh, 390 Center Pond Road, finish the attic area above the garage for a craft room. Approved.

3. Tax Map # 113. Lot # 66 – Raymond & Jeffrey Scott, 30 Chalet Drive, the house is being advertised by a broker to be year round. The Town's records indicate it is a seasonal property. There is no record of a State Approved Septic System being installed. Harry advised the broker that conversion from seasonal to year round mandates a State Approved Septic System with approval for operation to be installed.

4. Tax Map # 418, Lot # 13 – Andrew DeMasi, 532 Aten Road, construct a Dog House, Approved.

5. Tax Map # 131, Lot # 07 – Leland Chick, 685 Route 123 North, appears to have a year round tenant – The Town's records indicate it is a seasonal property. There is no record of a State Approved Septic System being installed. Harry has written to Mr. Chick requesting a response within 2 weeks.

Request from Chief McGerty for Non-Public Session(s)-Personnel:

The board moved to go into Non-Public Session at 8:26

Charlie Fosberry – Yes

Bob Fee – Yes

Chris Madden – yes

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:31. The Board did not seal the minutes.

The second Non-Public Session was not opened as Chief McGerty stated that he had complaints with the Town Administrator, Jim Coffey. Jim Coffey exercised his right for the session to be public. Jim Coffey then requested that Chief McGerty's complaints to be sent in writing to the Board and it will be a scheduled public discussion at the December 23rd meeting. Chief McGerty also referenced a past complaint against the Fire Department that had been looked into by the Town's legal counsel. There was a brief discussion between the selectmen and Chief McGerty about the matter.

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

### **SIGNED/APPROVED:**

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Minutes of November 25 – Held for corrections.

3. Appointment of Geri Bailey as Library Trustee-alternate
  4. Request from Stoddard Fire & Rescue Association for use of Town Hall on December 14, 2019.
  5. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber (2)
- All the above except for the November 25 minutes were signed.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Mary Lou Stymest has asked permission to place an artificial Christmas tree in the Town Hall. The board approved.
2. Harry Power reported attending a multi hour flood plain class. He feels the Board of Selectmen should be the Flood Plain administrators.
3. Chief McGerty reported that the Cell Tower on Richer Road is on line.
4. Chief McGerty asked when the Boston Post Cane would be presented to the oldest town resident, whom he thought was Mrs. Frances Carlisle, – the board said they would pursue it.
5. Harry Power reported that there is a New Hampshire law that required all foundations or pads being installed for manufactured housing be installed by licensed installers. The installer's license number has to be indicated on the Building Permit.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Copy of letter from Harry Power to Daniel & Kim Shawver – see Harry Power above.
2. Discuss status of Fire Station generator, fence and gate for Transfer Station, and Kings Highway weight limits.
  1. Jim Coffey reported that the Fire Station generator has been placed and Irving will have to install the LP tank to it on January 8, 2020.
  2. Jim Coffey reported that Cheshire Fence is planning on installing the Transfer Station fence on December 11 & 12. David Vaillancourt will be there to assist in the ground preparation.
  3. Jim Coffey reported that the state had doubled the fee for working with the engineer to establish the weight limit for Kings Highway, over the culvert. The engineer will work with NH DOT to establish what actual weight limit should be. He expects to hear back in the next 2 weeks.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss recent snow storm. Bob Fee reported that he has received several complaints on the condition of the roads. It was reported that the ambulance could not get up Doe Road last Monday. He also had complaints on the conditions on Kings Highway and Shedd Hill Road. David Vaillancourt said the strength of the storm caused the snow to pile up on roads. Any sand that would have been spread would have been covered, rendering it useless.
2. Letter from Harry Power to Leland Chick – see Harry Power above.
3. Cheshire County proposed 2020 Budget – Jim Coffey passed out the proposed County Budget and noted that contains a 12.3% increase.
4. Letter from Geoff and Sabine Jones concerning their taxes. They expressed concern with the increase in their tax bill and also continued to complain about the street light at

the corner of Old Antrim Road and Shedd Hill Road. Jim Coffey said the School was up 16%, the County was up 2% and the Town's portion was up \$300 total from the previous year. Noreen Durand commented that Jim Coffey had told her that the tax rate dropped but the assessments were raised and, with the school climbing 16%, the tax bills were higher.

5. Proposal From Municipal Resources Incorporated to assist the Town in its search for a part-time Town Administrator. They provide interim persons for positions until permanent people are hired. Jim Coffey reported that Municipal Resource, Inc. proposed an estimate of \$3,500 recruitment to provide assistance in hiring a Town Administrator and providing training, if necessary. Jason Kovarik asked why New Hampshire Municipal Association wasn't being considered. Jim Coffey said that NHMA does not provide all the services that MRI does. Jim Coffey said he has used them in the past in another town and recommended engaging them. Charlie Fosberry suggested that the town not fill the position and return to the way things were being done before the position was created. The board did not go along with that idea. Charlie Fosberry moved and Chris Madden seconded to pursue MRI's services, the board agreed.
6. Discuss refund of \$100 deposit for ornament making session at the Stoddard Town Hall. Bob Curnutte reported to Jim Coffey that the town hall was not cleaned up after the session. The trash was not removed and the floor was not swept. The board decided not to return the deposit made for the use of the hall.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Lake Host Program reports, 2019 and 2002-2019.
2. Fair Labor Standards Act Overtime rule change seminar. Will be held on December 13th at the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Jim Coffey didn't feel it necessary for anyone from Stoddard to attend, as it is mainly regulations for full time employees.
3. DOT driveway permit for alteration of Anderson Road
4. SWRPC Highlights

ADJOURN: Charlie Fosberry moved and Chris Madden seconded to adjourn at 8:40, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Charles Fosberry

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Christopher Madden

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Robert Fee

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