

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 03, 2020

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. Many members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:05 – Public Hearing on unanticipated income from October, 2019 State Municipal Aid – Chris Madden opened the Public Hearing and Jim Coffey explained the list of suggested uses for the \$17,654.20:

UNANTICIPATED INCOME HEARING OCTOBER 2019 STATE MUNICIPAL AID RSA 31:95-b

Board to accept funds:

Board to receive input for use of funds.

Suggested Uses from Administrator:

\$1,000, purchase and install video screen in town hall for meeting, connected to existing town WIFI.

\$4,000, to fund transition/hiring of Town Administrator and to fund expenses relating to the combining of the town clerk and tax collector positions, including new work station and physical changes to both offices.

\$12,654.20, to be allocated to the King's Highway – Kennedy Brook project.

All funds remaining from Items 1 & 2 as of June 30, 2020, shall go to item #3.

Mary Lou Stymest suggested using some of the \$4,000 designated for the Town Clerk's Office transition to clean the Town Hall main floor twice a year.

Noreen Durand suggested paving the Town Hall parking lot. Chris Madden said the septic system is under the parking lot and so it cannot be paved over.

Mary Lou Stymest suggested that the carpet that paves the ramp up to the Gould House main entrance be remove and the ramp be paved.

Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to accept the funds, the board agreed.

Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to allocate the funds as outlined, the board agreed.

Jason Kovarik suggested some of the funds be used to create a town park/beach park at Island Pond and some to be invested in infrastructure in the town for High Speed Internet. A Bond could be set up with Consolidated Communications to explore High Speed Internet infrastructure.

Joe Piccirilli said Consolidated Communications is sending letters to various residents urging interest in the update.

Brian Michaud reported that Chesterfield is very happy with the High Speed Internet that they have invested in.

It was thought that research to study and engineering for High Speed would cost around \$78,000.

Chris Madden said he is very happy to put the idea on the 2020 Town Warrant.

Bob Woods suggested traffic speed signs – Chris Madden said they were looked into and would cost around \$2,200 each. The Town can borrow one from another town.

Amanda Bridges suggested a play area at Island Pond for children.

Noreen Durand suggested a picnic area at Island Pond.

P. J. LaMothe reminded the board that Island Pond is a water source for the Fire Department.

Carol Clark said the state owned boat ramps and they have no swimming signs posted.

Jim Coffey said the town is covered from liability by the sign that is posted indicating no Life Guard is on duty.

Charlie Fosberry moved and Bob Fee seconded to close the hearing at 7:26, the board agreed.

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7:30 Chief McGerty – Debbie McGerty, Administrative Assistant for the Fire Department, presented all the documents that the Selectmen had requested concerning personnel training and certifications, run sheets for 2019 and P/R sheets for January, 2020.

Chief McGerty announced that he was recording his portion of the meeting.

Chief McGerty reported that the boat is stored in the Old Fire Station and presented pictures to prove that.

Chief McGerty, concerning R1, called on Moe Dwyer to report on the situation:

Moe Dwyer said that David Santoro had reported that the brakes on the vehicle were of concern on a trip up on Pitcher Mountain. Moe Dwyer took the vehicle for a test drive and found that it had some mechanical issues. He took the vehicle to Hayes Car and Truck for repairs. Hayes Car and Truck found the axel joint was frozen, among various other problems.

Bob Fee informed the attendees that the issue was brought to the Selectmen to ask why the vehicle was in the garage.

Chief McGerty said that the \$400+ price to repair the nozzles was reasonable as replacements would have cost \$1,600.

Chief McGerty reported that 2 members are attending training courses:

1 for EMT certification (\$1,300) and 1 for fire fighter #2 (\$100).

Chief McGerty notified the board that he is proposing that the Brush Truck be turned into the Rescue 1 vehicle and the Rescue 1 vehicle be re-chassed to build a new Brush Truck for around \$150,000. Then the present Rescue Truck will be put up for sale. Randy Weaver further explained the change over from Brush Truck to Rescue 1 Vehicle.

Chief McGerty reported that the Hot Water Heater has a slow leak. He would like to purchase an On Demand Water Heater with it being Propane driven. He said that the present tank will only have enough hot water to wash one vehicle. The On Demand one will supply all the hot water to wash all the vehicles. Irving has quotes a cost of \$6,000 for the changeover.

7:45 Harry Power –

1. Tax Map # 418, Lot # 02 – Donall Healy, 750 Aten Road, build a lean to against the present pole barn – approved.

2. Tax Map # 126, Lot # 9 – Allison Jacobs, 18 Dead Brook Road, several very large trees have been cut. Jim Coffey reported speaking to the owner and told her that it was OK to cut the trees except if they were within the Shoreland Area. A Shoreland permit is required to be approved from the State, Department of Environmental Services.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3, II (b)

Went into Non-Public Session at 8:23:

Bob Fee – Yes

Charlie Fosberry – Yes

Chris Madden – Yes

Came out of Non-Public Session at 9:00

Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

#### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Jim Coffey reminded the board and public that the School District Budget Hearing was on February 10th @ 7:00 and the Selectmen's meeting was cancelled for that night.

Mary Lou Stymest noted that the Town Clerk's Office should be closed on 2/11 due to the Clerk needing to be with the Moderator in the hall and the Assistant Town Clerk is needed at the Supervisors of the Checklist table. The board agreed and will ask the Town Clerk if she is agreeable to closing.

#### SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
  2. Pistol/Revolver License (1)
- Both above were signed.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Mary Lou Stymest requested the board to ask the School for use of their public room for the November Election. Jim Coffey will contact the school for permission.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Harry Power to Leland Chick – see above – Harry Power
2. Letter from Town Administrator to Danny O'Malley & Denise Valle (91 North Shore Road)  
Jim Coffey wrote Mr. O'Malley confirming that the location of his utility shed was grandfathered.
3. Purchase Order Policy Discussion – Jim Coffey presented a sample of a possible Purchase Order format. He said it is on the computer and can be used.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Doug Summerton asked if the lights on the corner of the Gould House could be aimed downward some to avoid shining in Burt Carlisle's room. The board agreed to have those aimed downward more.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Trustees Report/Audit – Jim Coffey reported that the auditors have the remaining documents to allow the audit to be completed. He said the forms still have to be put into the State's format. He said that is a difficult project.
2. SWRPC Winter Meeting – is scheduled for February 18th at the Cheshire Medical Center.
3. SAU 24 Notice for Stoddard School Annual Meeting, Thursday, March 12, 7PM at the James Faulkner Elementary School
4. Stoddard CC minutes of January 22 – noted.

ADJOURN: Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 9:01, the board agreed.

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

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**February 3, 2020**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**APPOINTMENTS**

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