

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2018

The meeting opened at 7:03 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 –

1. Tax Map # 411, Lot # 12.12 – Mirle Cross, 187 Old Antrim Road, contains a lot of junk which will have to wait until June, after the land thaws to be cleaned up.

2. Tax Map # 118, Lot # 21 Robert Parker, 111 Turtle Road Road, has a lot of vehicles stored and not knowing if they are registered or inspected and Harry will contact him after the land thaws for a plan to correct the situation. This came from a complaint from the Town Administrator.

3. Tax Map # 120, Lot # 23 – David Nassau, 145 Fernwood Road, is up for sale and the realtor indicated it is a 3 bedroom house. The present septic system is for a 2 bedroom house and the Realtor will have to indicate, in the sale, that the septic system is now sized for only 2 bedrooms and the owner will have to provide proof that the land can support a 3 bedroom septic by having an Approval for Construction drawn and approved by the Department of Environmental Services.

4. Tax Map # 134, Lot # 17 – Dorman and McGonagle, 641 Route 123 North, ongoing issues with the lack of response to Harry's letters for a State Approved Septic System, Atty. Matt Serge will be writing a letter for compliance.

7:15 Library Trustees – Angel Nicoletti presented the updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Selectmen and the Trustees of the Davis Library. The document was signed by the board members and Angel.

7:45 David Vaillancourt or open to public – Nothing addressed.

Non-Public requested at end of meeting. Robert Fee rescinded his request for a Non-Public Session.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
 2. Use of Town Hall by Cahill family.
 3. Use of Town Hall by Fire/Rescue (2) (12/14 & 15)
 4. Minutes of November 26, 2018
 5. Abatement for over payment on 1st issue 2018.
 6. Payroll Authorization for Moe Dwyer. Requested by Fire Department. Mechanic
 7. Use of Town Hall by Barbara Rockwell (12/16)
- All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty reported that the siding project for the Fire Station is complete.
2. Steve McGerty reported that he and another member of the Fire Department went to

Vermont and took the boat out on Lake Champlain. They were dressed for the cold temperature and found the boat to handle fine.

3. Steve McGerty said the ice chest, which is outside the Fire Station, belongs to Dan Eaton and they will contact him about what he wants to do with it. If it remains for the Fire Station, it will be moved to the other side of the building.

4. Steve McGerty reported that he has discussed 2 trees that are next to the Old Fire Station, are in need of removal. David Vaillancourt said he does not have the money in his budget to removed them.

5. Steve McGerty noted that the town is paying \$22,000 to 415 Mutual Aid and he is working with them to see if the issues for non-reception can be resolved.

6. Steve McGerty reported that he needs an electrician to mount some lights on the side of the Fire Station. Dean Huber submitted a quote of \$250 and Michael Cottle submitted a quote of \$100 to do the same work. Mr. Cottle will do the work next week.

7. Dian Mathews reported that the study on Broadband challenge has been completed and the FCC had concluded that the company producing the coverage maps had not been indicating the coverage that the study found. The FCC is investigating.

8. Dian Mathews reported that the very invasive Japanese Knott Weed is present in town and she is researching how to remove it.

9. Steve McGerty reported visiting Cameron Prior and Mr. Prior would welcome the light, if moved, to be placed near his house.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Suggested meeting dates, December 17 a regular meeting and December 31, for signing manifests only. The board agreed to this schedule.
2. NH Lottery request for Keno to be on 2019 Town Warrant. Charlie Fosberry reported that he had attempted to ask the Marina owners about having Keno and had no response.
3. The model Doll House, which is crafted after a building in town, is scheduled to arrive at the Gould House on Wednesday.
4. The roofs have been repaired on the Town Hall and the Library.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Keene Senior Center, Inc. for support in the 2019 Budget. The literature submitted indicated that 9 members of the town participate and they are requesting \$50.00 per participating member. They will be asked to have a petition submitted to be added to the Town Warrant.
2. Agenda discussion request from Selectman Fee. Attachment 1.
3. Street Light removal request given to Selectman Fosberry - Rex Rodanas requested the light in front of the parsonage, across from his house, be turned off. The board determined that it is a necessary light for that area.

Attachment 1. Bob Fee explained his concern on the condition of the roads a couple days after the last storm. He explained that he traveled over several roads and found it a challenge to drive them.

Response to email dated December 7, 2018

Question 1. What is the contract amount for winter road maintenance this year?

The amount for the present, and prior, years is \$66,000.

Question 2. What is the tax impact per thousand per tax payer?

The impact per thousand on the tax rate for this function (#1) is computed by dividing the expense by the total net assessment of the town divided by 1,000. $66,000/(257,620,930) = \$0.256$ per \$1,000, or 1.6% of a total tax bill.

Question 3. What was the exact amount of legal fees paid out over the past two lawsuits (this includes all correspondence, salaries paid to attend hearings, attorney fees, filings, and court fees). These are the lawsuits that the town lost against the ZBA (their fees need to be included as well), and Frank Stuckey?

The total amount of legal fees spanned two fiscal years, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. During the prior year the town came in under it's total allocated budget. The legal fees were previous asked for and provided, however employee time was not. We will recompile the legal fees, by fiscal year and also provide employee time/expense. I suspect this will mostly involve Kathy Ellis and Harry Power. We will have this for the next selectmen's meeting.

Question 4. What was the tax impact per thousand per tax payer due to these two lawsuits above and beyond what was budgeted for the town in 2018?

We need to better understand the question since there are two fiscal years involved.

Question 5. What was our net income from the sale of the properties that occurred back in September?

The total sale of the five parcels was \$100,500. The only direct expense was for setting up before the auction and for cleaning up. This is less than \$50.00. The "expenses" were borne by the auction company through a 10 percent buyers premium. Total buyers premium was \$10,050.

The items below were given to David Vaillancourt at 3 PM, Monday, December 10.

The following list might require David Vaillancourt's input. I am unsure if we keep this list on hand. This has to do with equipment and manpower resources as it applies to the winter road maintenance contract.

1. Type of equipment available for immediate use for snow removal/plowing
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3. Number of employees/contractors that are immediately available when needed for snow plowing/removal.
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I am requesting that these figure amounts and list be drafted in hard copies for discussion.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Winter 2018 Newsletter from Hundred Night, Inc., shelter.

2. 2019 Cheshire County budget. Increase in taxation of 1.3% although budget expenses are down 1.7%. Jim Coffey explained that although the County Budget is down slightly, the Tax Payers' share will increase 1.34%. It was suggested that the County Commissioner representing Stoddard attend an informational session to explain why the budget keeps increasing.

ADJOURN: Robert Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 8:17, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

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In addition to these items, I would like to request a non-public session at the meeting.

A non-public session has been added to the Agenda for the end of the meeting.

Jim Coffey