

Town of Stoddard
Selectmen's Meeting
Stoddard Town Hall – 7 PM
Monday, February 28, 2022

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees include Robert Fee – Chair, Christopher Madden – Selectmen, Stephen McGerty-Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Vickie Williams – Secretary and Harry Power – Compliance Officer

Guests include Noreen & Ray Durand, Joe Traniello, Bob Maden, Diane Latimier and Margo Santoro

Appointments:

Harry Power – Compliance Officer

101-100 & 101- Johnson Family Trust – had a building permit in 2018 for a 22 x 30 building. Told they have to file a new permit and talk to the ZBA want to change the dimension of the building, a little smaller. Just wanted the Board to be aware of the situation.

422-2.2 – Tina Carlson – wants to place a hot dog stand along Route 9. Has filled out permit, has not been handed in yet – must work out some things with the ZBA and Planning Board. Did pay the \$750.00 fee.

126-17 – Christopher Hardwick – put shed up without a permit. Harry sent letter and a registered letter after speaking with Michelle. The registered letter had to be picked up at Post Office was not picked up 1/31, 2/7 or 2/15. Sent Harry letter dated 2/5 honestly did not think he needed a permit to put up shed should he go to the town? Harry has not heard anything since. Still has to get a permit and pay double for fine, building without permit. Michelle will try to reach out to him.

Guest/Request:

NONE

To Be Signed/Approved:

1. A/R and/or P/R manifest
2. Minutes of 2/14/2022

Chris motioned to have the minutes amended from the 2nd page to last paragraph on page 3. The issues already having been addressed in the minutes. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried. Stephen opposed.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

NONE

Old Business:

Protection Road – Michelle has found an Attorney in NH who specializes on road issues. Waiting to hear back from him.

Audit – The town audit is underway, they need 3 more pieces of information. In the next week or so they expect to be town. The town books can be closed for the year.

New Business:

Yield Tax Warrant – 2 new Timber Tax Warrants

Bob motioned to sign the Timber Tax Warrants. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Budget –

Executive – added \$22,000 additional to hire a Bookkeeper and for file management. Added WHMA cost \$1,517 under dues.

Elections/Registrations – from \$18,300 to \$22,000 in salary cost for moderator, ballot counters and training. Removed \$2,850 for voting booth(purchased last year).

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – additional \$500 for animal licensing.

Treasurer – added \$500 for office supplies

Audit – New contract added money

Revaluation – looking for new Assessor – can hire a firm to do the job – remote work and can be expensive. Use M & N Assessing now for some work.

Legal – level funded

Personnel Administration – went up based on pay increases

Planning Board – added \$4,000 for mapping & publication of Master Plan update

ZBA – level funding

Building Maintenance – added \$1,500 for Fire Department always going over budget

Electric/Fuel – will be increased expenses due to overall price increases on these items.

Library – added \$1,120 to maintenance costs, \$400 to interior maintenance added media costs

Cemeteries- added \$20 for professional dues

Insurance – will be an increase

Advertising- level

Police- \$5000 for gas increases at pump. Payroll increase to hire new part-time officer. Will look into this more. Hiring part time or hiring Sherrif's Dept for patrols in Stoddard.

Animal Control – increased \$100

Ambulance – increased \$24,000 dollars

Fire Department – expect more changes

Southwestern – level funded

Road Maintenance – increase \$2,000 – rising fuel costs

Hazardous Waste Removal – Washington & Keene up \$1,000

Heath & Human Services – have a request from 2 agencies. Will write letter asking them to fill out a petition for warrant article at Town Meeting.

Welfare – added \$100 for food cost

Patriotic – decreased by \$200

Fire Truck payment added \$50,000

Set Budget Hearing
Monday, March 14, 2022, 7 PM at the Town Hall

Stephen motioned to set the Budget Hearing and Warrant Articles. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Public Comment (Non-Adgenda Items Only)

Bob Maden – Can we do something on North Shore Road with maintenance on the catch basins & swales on a regular basis. They are not being upkept, what is happening? Can we focus on ongoing maintenance ? Does Dave have a prepared list of the scheduled work to be done? Would like to look at this list.

Bob – Will see if there is any money left in the Budget for this year, otherwise nothing can be done til July 1, 2022 start of the new years budget.

Joe Traniello – When talking about contacting the Sherriff’s Dept. for patrols, does that mean instead of having a Stoddard Police Dept?

Bob – Would be a question that would have to be decided by the town residents?

Diane Latimier – Can the Girl Scouts sell Girl Scout Cookies at the Transfer Station on weekends?

Bob and the rest of the Board – Yes go ahead

Ray Durand – How can I find out who intends to cut timber?

Michelle- there are intent to cut forms in the Town Offices you may look at them. But all final approval is done by the State. These are only intent to cut, the State must approve and give them a permit.

Michelle stated Randy Weaver – Fire Chief will give Michelle a new copy of the Fire Dept. By-laws.

Steve motioned to close Public Meeting. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris motioned to go into Non Public RSA 91-A:3 – 11(a). Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris motioned to close Non Public RSA 91-A:3 – 11(a) meeting. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried

Chris motioned to go back to Public Session. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Bob motioned to seal Non Public RSA 91-A – 11(a) minutes. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Steve motioned to Adjourn Public Meeting at 9:17 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Submitted

Vickie Williams – Secretary

Robert Fee _____

Christopher Madden _____

Stephen McGerty _____