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Town of Stoddard
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2023
Town Hall – 7 PM

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guests include – Joe Traniello, Trevor Anderson, Terri LaRoche, Herb Healy, Brenda Bryer, Geoff Jones and Jason Koravik

APPOINTMENTS:

Harry Power – Compliance Officer

422-6.1 – Route 9 Cell Tower – asking for extentsion – pd \$750.00

Signed & Approved

Trevor Anderson – Fire Chief

Purchase Orders:

- \$475.00 for new lettering on new Fire Truck
- \$7,048.00 for 2 new sets of Fire Gear (approved previously)

Signed & Approved

Trevor noted that the last Motor Vehicle Accident on Route 9 was handled incredibly well by all those present.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifests
2. Minutes & Non-Public Minutes of 03/20/2023
3. Land Use Change Approval

Bob Motioned to Accept the Minutes of 03/20/2023 as written. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Stephen Motioned to Accept the Non-Public Minutes of 03/20/2023 as written. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

All Above Signed & Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:
NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Review/Approve 2023 – 2024 Budget for Warrant

There is a .964% overall increase in the budget. \$15, 198.00 over last year.

- 1 change to be made Supervisors of the Checklist pay – it is set at \$15.00 an hour would like to see it raised to \$20.00 increasing the payroll line (already on new budget line item) from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 dollars.

Chris Motioned to Raise the Supervisors of the Checklist pay to \$20.00 an hour. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

- Health/Welfare line the 100 nights shelter is set for \$1,000.00 would like to raise this line item by \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

Chris Motioned to Raise the amount by \$500.00 to be given to 100 Nights Shelter for a total of \$1,500.00. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to schedule the Budget Hearing for April 10, 2023 at 7PM to Proceed the regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Review the following articles for warrant:

- Delete Article XII, Section 4b of the Community Planning Ordinance that currently reads "An application must be made to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a special exception for any change in the use of wetlands" ON THE BALLOT

Chris Motioned to Remove this Warrant Article. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Bob Motioned to Recess Public Meeting @ 8:00 pm. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to Return to Public Meeting @ 8:06 pm. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

- Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 466:30-a "which makes it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such?" ON THE BALLOT

Chris Motioned to place article on ballot. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

- To see if the Town of Stoddard will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing 40 acres of forestland with 4,000 feet of undeveloped

shoreline on Highland Lake to be returned to the General Fund in full, no later than December 2024. (Majority Vote Required) NOT ON THE BALLOT, BUT BALLOT VOTE CAN BE REQUESTED AT TOWN MEETING

Bob Motioned this specific article should be placed on the ballot. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

- To see if the Town will vote to establish the Board of Selectmen as Agents for Recreation Fund, currently managed by the Trustee of the Trust Funds with unknown or vague origins. Going forward, the intent of the fund is to support local recreation, celebrations and other uses deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen. Majority vote required. CURRENTLY RESEARCHING THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FUND.

Chris Motioned to table to the next meeting in April at the Public Hearing. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

- Discuss eliminating the Planning Board and ZBA articles and instead including those in the General Operating Budget.

Chris Motioned to Accept incorporating the Planning Board and ZBA into the General Operating Budget. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

- Other Articles to include in the General Operating Budget? Police, Fire, Ambulance, Emergency Management, Solid Waste, Highway, Conservation Commission, Lake Host, Cemeteries

Chris Motioned to leave these items separate from the General Operation Budget. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to hold the Public Warrant Article Hearing on April 10, 2023 at 7 PM to follow the Budget Hearing Scheduled. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

MISC CORRESPONDENCE:

- Town of Stoddard lawsuit involving PSNH/Eversource Utility Assessments for Utility Tax Abatement. Happens on regular basis
- Quote from Attorney on Warrant Article legal aspects of article. Permission given by Select Board.

“I would construe the second sentence as the voters appointing the person to continue serving as treasurer for the remainder of the term. At that point (May 2024) the Selectmen can then appoint a different person to serve as treasurer, or keep the current person in the position.”

Michelle asked for a Leave of Absence – birth of grandchild, will start leave when she gets phone call - Permission Granted by Select Board

NHDES will not be monitoring Island Pond this year – Michelle will check into this and contact the Lake Host for advice also.

Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting @ 8:55 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Submitted

Vickie Williams – Secretary

Christopher Madden _____

Robert Fee _____

Stephen McGerty _____