

Town of Stoddard
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023
Town Hall – 7 PM

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees include Chris Madden – Selectmen, Robert Fee – Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Vickie Williams – Secretary and Harry Power – Compliance Officer

Guests include Joe Traniello, Trevor Anderson, Ray & Noreen Durand, Douglas Summerton, Geoffrey Jones, Bob Maden and Randy Emerson

Appointments:

Harry Power – Compliance Officer

Sent out the letter to Rice

121-23 – 2 permits. 1 can be approved, waiting on ZBA & NH DES for approval on the remaining permit.

134-38 – Doing excavating near water – needs to go the NH DES & ZBA for approval.

Fire & Rescue – Trevor Anderson – Fire Chief

Went to New Jersey to check out the new chassis. Final invoice for Truck is \$6,307 above contract amount. \$1,465 for inspection and \$2000 for mounting. Can cover the cost with the remainder of 2 line items on fire dept. budget. In the future the new truck will need tires and lettering.

To Be Signed/Approved:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 12/12/2022
3. Administrative Abatement

**Chris Motioned to Accept the Minutes as written. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.
All signed & approved.**

Public Comment:

NONE

Old Business:

Budget – Fire Department Salaries

Stipends & Hourly wage leaves the Budget at \$40,000. Works about 10 administrative hours weekly. There is a buffer in the payroll. Trevor believes the stipend is cost saving instead of an hourly wage for these duties at this time. Stephen believes they should get rid of the stipend and give out raises.

Chris Motioned to Approve the payroll with suggested line increase based on certifications and continue with the Stipend for officers. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Little Big Forest – Boundary Adjustment Clarification – Geoffrey Jones – Conservation Commission

This does not have to go to a Town Meeting. This must be cleared up through the Planning Board with the owner's permission or representative of the land owner. There are encroachments on the land. Geoffrey states they have raised 1.3 million. The encroachments were found during the survey of the land.

New Business:

Snow Day Policy

If the School has cancelled classes for the day the Town Offices will also be closed. However if you can work from home you can put in the hours for that day if the employee so chooses.

Chris Motioned being paid working from home and allow employees into the office to work. Will not be paid for the closing of the offices for a snow day. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Dog Ordinance (Court Record)

Towns must adopt state law at town meeting. Currently between December and April dogs are not allowed to run loose or at large. The Selectmen decided to put this on the next town warrant.

Transfer Station Fines (Enacted in 2009)

There is a schedule of fines for the Transfer Station. The rules and fines need to be enforced as stated.

Accept one time bridge payment of \$29,954.31

Chris Motioned "The Select Board, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities as presented in the amount of \$7500.00 for updating the local hazard mitigation plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$10,000.00 in which the town will be responsible for a 25% match(\$2500.00)." Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Public Meeting will be set up for Selectmen's Meeting scheduled January 30, 2023 for public input on the spending of the funds.

Emergency Prep Discussion

We have one shelter Town Hall/School. The School is primary as it has an automatic generator. The Town Hall can be equipped with a generator and provide a shelter.

Hazard Mitigation Grant

\$7500 dollar grant the Town must match with \$2500.

Chris Motioned to Accept the Grant. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Recycling Outreach Grant – NO

Municipal Boat Launch Grant

25 % Match grant up to \$100,000. It is a Boat Ramp/Boat Launch grant for relief and recovery. The Board will look into this more before applying. Island Pond and Marina could benefit.

Town Administrator Notes

Currently looking for a part-time Assessing Clerk. Start at 20 hours a week and training.

Website Updates

Bob Maden is willing to train and walk people through the site. You can also just send the information to him to upload. They have been doing a good job with the website.

Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting @ 8:45 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM

Submitted

Vickie Williams – Secretary

Stephen McGerty_____

Christopher Madden_____

Robert Fee_____

