

Town of Stoddard  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
Monday, March 8, 2023  
Town Hall – 7 PM

**MINUTES**

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guests include: Trevor Anderson, Joe Traniello, Terri LaRoche, Daniel Eaton, Ray Durand and Bob Maden

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Harry Power:

127-24 – Gordan – Shoreland permit and going before the ZBA. PD \$600.00

130-18 – Owens – needs Shoreland permit and ZBA approval. PD \$200.00

424-35 – DeMasi – Post & beam open pole barn. PD \$200.00

415-18 – Treat – Deck – needs Shoreland Permit & ZBA approval. PD \$200.00

121-22.6 – Lavoie – adding to garage. PD \$300.00

112-7 – Pisani – 10 x 12 shed. Pd \$75.00

Trevor Anderson:

Trucks were out for maintenance. Fluids all checked.

Ambulance closing was a contingency in place with Keene Fire & Rescue for a 90 day temporary plan.

Peterborough Fire quote \$61,320.57 per year. Still waiting to hear from Cheshire Emergency Medical Services. Spoke also with Antrim Fire and they are having a hard time covering what they have now. Called Great Brook Ambulance, Called Hillsborough and Marlow Ambulance too.

Paperwork on VT Rescue Inc. – can operate in the state of NH. Spoke with the bureau chief late on Friday. Will get a copy of the paperwork stating they can operate in the state of NH.

Rescue Inc has 2 ambulances in Keene. 1 at the Central Station and 1 at the West Station. The cost is \$0.00 til June 30, 2023 at midnight. Diluzzio ambulance employees being used.

Dan Eaton:

CMS has 6 ambulances, 1 intercept car, and 54 employees. In the short term there will be no fee before June 30, 2023 at midnight. CMS will be self-funded. Should have a quote within 2 days.

Fire Payroll proposed changes:

New Payroll Schedule:

Probationary FF/EMT -	\$16.00
EM Reponder -	\$16.50
FF/EMT level 1 -	\$17.00
FF/EMT level 2 -	\$18.00
FF/Paramedic –	\$20.00
LT-	\$ 0.50
CAPT -	\$ 0.75
DEPUTY -	\$ 1.00
CHIEF -	\$ 2.00

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 04/24/2023
3. Non-Public Minutes of 04/24/2023
4. Collection of Taxes – issue 1
5. Waive Town Hall Rental – Clark
6. Land Use Change Tax

**Bob Motioned to take out the words Fire Dept at the bottom of discussing Mill Village Store. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Stephen Motioned to Accept Minutes as Amended. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned to Accept the Non-Public Minutes. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned to sign Collection of Taxes issue 1. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Stephen Motioned to Waive the Town Hall Rental Fee for the 250<sup>th</sup> board. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Land Use Change Tax signed by selectmen.**

The minutes will also reflect the money for the traffic monitor is to be taken from the General Fund not the Planning Board as indicated.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Ambulance Issues – discussed above.
2. Time Sheet Policy (?) specific requirement for all hourly employees –  
-need specific times on time sheets, change pay period for new software and direct deposit. Will research other towns and come up with a policy.
3. Proposed wage changes at Fire department – discussed above.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Name change of Wagner Island – Wagner island has been bought by the Bohlen's. They want to change the name of Wagner Island to Bohlen Island.  
**Stephen Motioned to Accept the Name change to Bohlen Island. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**
2. Clarify proposed wage for Town Clerk/Tax Collector – current pay is scheduled at \$25.00 per hour.  
**Bob Motioned for Town Clerk/Tax Collector pay be on an hourly basis set at \$25.00. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.**
3. Additions to the Town Website – Bob Maden proposes a new page be added for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Stoddard – linking their page to the town website page.  
**Bob Motioned to create the new webpage. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.**

## MISC CORRESPONDENCE:

On website – the main page has lost the slide show. Civics plus must fix this problem. Michelle will look into it.

Annual Report is finished.

Trust Republic land granted \$12,500 for purchase of land from the school to LBF  
**Chris Motioned to Accept this TPL -Trust for Public land grant. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

Are actions being taking against those abusing the transfer station? The town is trying to reach out to the offending parties.

Stephen McGerty's last meeting as Selectmen. Thanked the Town. Was thanked for his work by the other members of the board.

\$5,991.00 going from the Conservation Fund to the General Fund. The General Fund will move \$356.00 to the Conservation Commission. This was to fix an accounting mistake made.

Joe – Why are there no dumpsters required for remodeling/demolition of home? There is a requirement for dumpster for building permit only.

LBF Article – This can be amended on the floor at Town Meeting if anyone chooses to do so. This money is only being used for the purchase of the property, with the intention of the Conservation Commission to pay the money back by DEC of 2023.

Selectmen asked Michelle to request a HUD statement on the LBF property before the closing.

**Chris Motioned to leave the Public Meeting @ 8:57 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned to go into NON-PUBLIC RSA91-A:3, II(C) meeting @ 8:58 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried. Chris – yes, Bob – yes and Stephen – yes.**

**Chris Motioned to leave NON-PUBLIC RSA 91- A:3, II(C) @ 9:23 PM and return to Public Meeting. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned to seal the NON\_PUBLIC minutes. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned the Contract be left in place for CMS. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

Discussion on the Police Budget – There is more in the payroll because Stoddard is still looking for officers. If there is no money in they budget, he can not look for an office. Money stayed in budget line.

**Chris Motioned to Adjourn the public meeting @ 9:25 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

Submitted

Vickie Williams – Secretary

Christopher Madden \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Stephen McGerty \_\_\_\_\_