

DRAFT ONLY

Town of Stoddard
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2023
Town Hall – 7 PM

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees included – Chris Madden – Chair (by phone), Robert Fee – Selectmen, Terri LaRoche – Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Vickie Williams – Secretary and Harry Power – Compliance Officer

Guests include – Trevor Anderson, Brenda Bryer, Stephen McGerty, Margo Santoro, Daniel Eaton, Karen Bell and Geoff Jones

Moved to first order of New Business:

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Deeding for lien of 2021 (2020 tax year) unpaid property taxes – Karen Bell – Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Ascani – not paid since 2020 - \$1,533.25

Brisco – not paid since 2020 - \$1,395.72

Bunker – Paid in 2020, no payment since - \$4,198.53

Burge – has had liens since 2014 up to current year - \$19,479.96

Edson – have 3 properties and no payments since 2020 - \$6,558.05

Elliot – makes regular payments on a plan \$18,947.93

Guay – makes regular payments - lien in 2019 – lives with family \$29,399.47

Holmes – inherited property – 2020-2022 tax liens - \$211.40

Langille – 2019 – 2022 liens no payments - \$7,307.50

O'Brien – liens back to 2017 – just land - \$413.00

Parker – Last payment made in 2019. Nothing since - \$1,195.82

Shand – liens from 2017 – 2022 – only made a couple of payments - \$8,847.75

-What properties should the board deed and at what amount should they start?

-Karen will reach out to those on the list and do more research work on the properties on this list.
-send out strongly worded letters to the following – Edson, Burge, Langille, Guay, Shand, Elliot and Bunker.

Deferred to the next Selectmen's Meeting. Awaiting on more information from Karen Bell.

APPOINTMENTS:

Harry Power – Compliance Officer

No permits

3 people going before the ZBA Tax Map 131-13, 130 – 18 and 124 -12

121-23 – Rice – Harry called NHDES talked to Mr. Diesser at NHDES, to see if she had reapplied for the permits, they did not. State says they must restart the whole process, they did not meet the deadlines on needed information. She can go to the ZBA, but can not get approval without the approval from NHDES first. She is not getting approval from the required people. The board has to make a decision on what should be done with this situation. Has no permits on file or in the process of being approved.

Bob Motioned to start legal procedures for the structure to be taken down. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

121-22.8 – Peters – working on a restoration project – violation no working permit. Is working on this with Harry and NHDES

113-67- Cheverier – has til July 15th to clean up yard looks like a junk yard. He was hurt and his clean up of the property was extended to the 15th.

Has received paperwork from owner, they want to construct a storage facility on Route 9 on the site of the Chandler Property. Corner of 123 South and Route 9.

Trevor Anderson – Fire Chief

Purchase Orders –

\$2,027.18 – for truck maintenance – oil, fuel filter and break checks, transmission checked on each truck

\$540.00 – SCBA Flow testing – 9 at \$60.00 each- for correct air flow- replaced one minor piece

\$1,414.00 – hydrolic tools check (jaws of life etc.)

Pump Test on Engine 1 failed – (\$8,236.54) replacing the primer – pressure gauges. Volume gauge and full tear down of pump. This truck is a standard. NFPA compliance line item.

Air Compressor – talked to 2 companies. Trevor is meeting with Accurate Air Wednesday. Will inspect the system. It will cost \$1,300.00 just for the air compressor, which will be purchased ourselves.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 6/12/2023
3. Transfer Station Policies
4. Selectmen Rules of Procedure
5. Minutes of 5/22/2023
6. Non-Public Minutes of 6/12/2022
7. Minutes of 6/23/2023

Bob Motioned to Accept the Non-Public Minutes of 6/12/2023 as Written. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

Bob Motioned to Accept the Minutes of 6/12/2023 with the Amendments made. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Bob Motioned to Accept the Minutes of 6/23/2023 as Written. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

All above Signed & Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Margo Santoro – in receipt of the warrant for the dogs. There are 69 on the list. Would like to know why Bob did not sign the warrant? Most dogs don't have their rabies shot. Bob will not sign any warrant that lets the person take the dog from the owner. You have the vote of 2/3rds of the Board, from the perception of the Board you do have their approval.

Stephen McGerty – Reverse 911 – has been this looked into, this system lets you know of emergencies in the area. The town already has Reverse 911. In order to receive these messages each individual person must log onto the state website and register their phone for these services. Michelle will put notification out on the Town website about this feature with selectmen approval. Reverse 911 is for life threatening situations, floods, for evacuation etc.

Stephen McGerty – When in office and we have a non-public meeting can you be disciplined for making information public and out of office? There are sanctions and repercussions for doing so. Is there anything from stopping people from talking about this in public.

Non-Public meetings can not be addressed in a public setting until they are released from sealing of those minutes. Provided by Dan Eaton - **RSA 91A: 2, D. People should be reminded at the non-public meetings that this information should not be discussed from now on. As a**

practice the Selectboard should notify those at the beginning of the meeting that what is said can not be spoken in public.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve Ambulance Service – Dan and Trevor spoke together before the meeting and both agree that Stoddard should go with Cheshire EMS services as the best provider. Hillsborough will be the back up to CEMS. Trevor there will be an ALS individual provided within the contract. Once the Contract is signed a copy will be emailed to the Town. Updated addendum will be sent next week.

Bob Motioned to sign the updated Contract for Cheshire EMS. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Approve Waste Management Contract – updates were made to include holidays specified by the Town of Stoddard. Will have a month roll out of the new policies on having your dump sticker. Have it advertised and rules posted at the transfer site on gate. The change of traffic pattern. Will be enforced.

Terri Motioned to Sign the Waste Management Contract. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Approve Letter for LBF Doners – Confusion among donors of where the money is going, they gave to LBF. Clear that the goal was 1.5 million, wants the letter to show more support for the conservation commission. Need to clarify the intent of where the money went. This is a project of the Conservation Commission, what right does the board have to send out a letter? The board has been getting requests for where this money is going, people feel their money is not going where it was intended to go. People believe they were not giving out all information on this project. The public was told the money was for purchase price only, and are surprised to see fees for stewardship and a stewardship fund. The letter is to clarify to those donors where the money went and if that was their intention. Bob thought that the administrative funds were reasonable. Does not want to take money from the project, just wants to clarify where the money was going because questions were being asked. Geoff Jones want a draft of this letter.

Bob Motioned to Approve the letter with intended Amended version and Conservation Commission agreement. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Approve agreement for Audit Services with Vernoff - does not include the price of a single audit, if the town expends \$750,000 in government fees a single audit must be performed. The money for LBF will be deposited on July 3rd for the closing so will not require a single audit. The deed for LBF must be signed for July for budgeting purposes.

Bob Motioned to Approve the Contract for the Audit Services with Michelle as the signer of recorded. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Abatement – reassessment error – a barn was assessed to the wrong property taxes went from \$10.61 to \$541.00. This has been fixed in the Assessment records. Will send owner a letter for their escrow account with their mortgage company.

Signed & Approved

Approve Olde Home Days booths on Town Hall Lawn – there are already events being held in the Town Hall and would like to use the lawn for more booths.

Bob Motioned to Approve the use of the Lawn for Olde Home days. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

Discuss 250th Committee and Municipal Gov. involvement – Insurance for the project, they are not covered under Town Policy. If this was undertaken by the town the committee would have to be set up by the town and appointed by the Selectboard, the process would have to start over, the committee would then be subject to control by the Selectboard for budget and the spending of money for anything over \$500.00. The committee should consider getting a policy for event separately leaving control with the 250th volunteer committee. There is a separate event umbrella policy that are 1 time insurance deals.

LBF Deed – Has been reviewed by the seller/buyer lawyers over the course of the last 6 months. Just need to make sure that it is signed for July 3, 2023 for audit purposes and budget requirements.

Chris Motioned to Sign the LBF deed. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting @ 9:28 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Submitted

Vickie Williams – Secretary

Christopher Madden _____

Robert Fee _____

Terri LaRoche _____

