Town of Stoddard

**SELECTMEN’S MEETING**

Monday, October 30, 2023

Town Hall – 7:00 PM

**MINUTES**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDEES INCLUCE: Christopher Madden – Chair, Robert Fee – Selectmen, Terri LaRoche – Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Vickie Williams – Secretary and Harry Power – Compliance Officer

GUESTS INCLUED: Joe Traniello, Pixie & Ray Durand, Bob Maden and Charlotte Lesser

APPOINTMENTS:

Harry Power –

Cheveriere – Shedd Hill Road – Junkyard – court order from Town Attorney in the works

Rice Property – Court Order was notarized and sent out. Harry also informed the board that NHDES was also sending them a removal order from the State.

Cleaver driveway – Why was permit issued – they paid the $50.00 and were granted a permit at the last meeting. Should the money be returned since no permit was required?

135-47 – Lacourciere – Island Pond – Harry was out and saw digging with excavator and putting in huge granite slab steps. Removed trees on the shoreline because beavers gnawed on them. Planted tall pines. No Shoreland permit was granted by NHDES. No ZBA Approval for being within 50 feet of the shoreland.

**Bob Motioned for a Cease & Desist Order within 24 hours of receiving letter. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Bob Motioned for a Second letter to be sent stating they have 7 days from the time of receiving the letter to remove materials, including the steps and return them to the original state. If not done within 7 days the Town will remove at the owner’s expense and impose the fine of $275.00 per day if not removed. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.**

NOTE: All fine structures are set by State of New Hampshire

424-14 – Tuthill – replacement check of $200.00 – approved last week

421-1 – Melton – Moose Brooke Drive – Addition on house – no new bedroom. $300.00 PD

127-37 – Property on Penny Lane – went to Forest Design to get shoreland permit done.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 10/23/2023
3. MS 535

**Chris Motioned to sign the Minutes with Amendments. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Inga – Recreation Survey – Showed Board survey that she came up with. Board approved the survey and wanted Inga to move forward with the survey. Will put the survey out on the town website, Copies in the Library, Town Hall, Gould House, Mill Village Store and Post Office. Will share results of survey with the Planning Board for their Master Plan Update.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Radar Signs - $9,000.00 for a set of 3 solar powered. More research will be done by Michelle will talk with the Town of Marlow about their speed signs. Budget for next year.
2. 250th Celebration – want to kick off celebration at Selectmen’s meeting in January. Thank the effort of all volunteers. Asked if they could post banners on the Fire Dept., Town Hall and Old Fire House, they were granted permission as long as they followed the Town CPO. The Town can not violate its own laws.
3. Appoint ex-officio to Planning Board – not a necessary appointment. Will revisit. Tabled to explore options.
4. Budget Considerations
5. Policing of Stoddard – Sheriff Rivera will have sample contract for the November 13th meeting. State Police patrol is not an option they do not have enough manpower.

Charlotte Lesser – Called 911 waited 45 minutes and called back. Still no response till State trooper showed up 2 hours later. No response from local officer when called.

Note – All law enforcement agencies are expiring staff shortages – state, local and county.

1. Explore options with partnering with other towns for police coverage – research indicates may be more expensive than having County coverage.
2. Storage Shed - $5,000.00 for ground preparation, shed cost - $8,231.00 to have gravel, stone and sand on hand for Town. Add to Budget $22,000.00 for cost of shed and filling shed.

Conservation District Donation Request – no amount indicated being asked for. Will refer this to the Conservation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Civic Plus – Reverse 911 – implement roll out plan. The town needs to do marketing for people to sign up for the plan. Need communication and outreach to the public for this plan. Form a committee of volunteers for this – will advertise on the town website for volunteers.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE

No

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NOTES

No

**Bob Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting @ 9:23 PM. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.**

Submitted

Vickie Williams – Secretary

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

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

Terri LaRoche \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_