

Town of Stoddard
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, January 22, 2024
Town Hall – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attendee's include - Robert Fee – Selectmen, Terri LaRoche – Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Vickie Williams – Secretary and Harry Power – Compliance Officer. Chris Madden excused.

Guests include – Joe Traniello, Ray & Pixie Durand, Bob Maden and Steven Rockwell.

Karen Bell – Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Discussed budget items she wanted to see changed from last year and items the Board had questions on. This will be tabled to gather more information and Karen will work with Michelle.

Harry Power – Compliance Officer:

130-113 – Jalbert – permit was not signed. He was out of compliance. He has sent in the \$50.00 check for the violation.

417-7 – Healy – building a new home with an ADU included. Does He need ZBA approval for the ADU? Harry asked the Town Lawyer. The Lawyer stated that the approval for an ADU from the ZBA is not limited to conversion on existing homes and new builds with an ADU should go before the ZBA for approval. Harry asked if language should be included in the building permit that an ADU will be involved in the construction on new dwellings?

130-1 – Vaillencourt – will be going before the Planning Board for a Cell Tower Approval. A Building Permit will be needed.

Michelle will work on updating Building Permit to add clarity and bring back to the Board for review.

Bob Maden – Planning Board Chair:

Even with all the work being done by the Planning Board nothing will be ready in time for the Town Meeting Warrants. There are also many issues with the Town CPO the Planning Board will be looking at.

Bob also went over the Budget with the Board for the Planning Board to include the money to work on the Master Plan and the CPO. \$500.00 was added to Salary.

ZBA BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS:

Franz Haas – term expires 2026

Doug Summerton – term expires 2026

Bob Motioned to Appoint Franz Haas & Doug Summerton to the ZBA Board with terms to expire in 2026. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

Jason Kovarik – term expires 2025 – Will revisit at the next meeting, issue with serving on 3 land boards.

FIRE DEPT BUDGET – tabled to next Board meeting – Fire Chief was unable to attend, working.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 01-08-2024

Bob Motioned to Accept the Minutes of 01-08-2022 as Amended. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ray Durand expressed concern with the Police Dept not being plowed and cars sitting there.

Steve Rockwell – He asked the Board at the last meeting for money on work to the Old Fire House. He was told there was \$5,000.00 in the budget this year. He got one estimate/quote from Alex Chase for the work totaling \$6,000.00. This will go over the budget.

Terri Motioned to Accept the estimate/quote from Alex Chase and go over budget. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Hall Fee Waiver – The Stoddard Congregational Church is holding their Chili Cook Off February 24, 2024.

Bob Motioned to Waive the Fee for the Rental on the Town Hall for the Stoddard Congregational Church. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

Transfer Station – Banner, New Signs & Mailing – The New Banner and Signs for the Transfer Station are being made. Will be doing a mailing to the residents on the policies and procedures of the Town Transfer Station. Add money to the budget for an attendant to be present at the station and to check transfer passes.

Disabled Exemption Review –

Terri Motioned to increase the Disabled income and asset limits to match elderly 65 – 74 limits and to leave the Disabled Exemption as it is now. Bob Seconded. Motioned Carried.

Treasurer job description and Salary reviewed.

Election & Registration Budget (Including Supervisors of the Checklist) –

Bob Motioned to table this discussion until Dan Eaton could be involved. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

Final Police Budget - \$163,706.00 will be the total on the budget with the Town of Nelson for a shared Police Officer in both Towns. Money will be added for a Animal Control Officer for the Town of Stoddard and the upkeep of the Town Police Station.

Bob Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting @ 9:34 PM. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

Submitted
Vickie Williams
Secretary

Chris Madden _____

Robert Fee _____

Terri LaRoche _____