

SELETMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 9-22-2014

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chairman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power -

1. Tax Map # 110, Lot # 36 - Patricia & Roy Marotta, 36 Holly Way – researched a report of a septic system issue and could find no sign of any failure or could find any odor present. He concluded that it is a neighbor vs neighbor problem.
2. Tax Map # 122, Lot # 25 – Laura Phillips, 444 Whitney Road – requesting a screened in porch which intrudes into the wetland setback – sending it to the ZBA.
3. Concerning Article 7, Section 8 of the Community Planning Ordinance – requires a building permit for the construction of a septic system and installation of a well. Harry recommended a minimal fee of \$50.00 be charged to allow for Septic System and Well installation. Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to approve a fee of \$50.00 for issuance of a building permit for the installation, the board approved.
4. Tax Map # 420, Lot #15 – Heather Plante – requests we send her a copy of her letter last year asking for a two year extension.
5. Joslyn/Holland Mediation session – scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2014 in Concord – Harry Power will attend with Atty. Maria Gavin

7:15 - Friends of Davis Library & Trustees - Addition Committee - See New
Business, Item 2 – Gordon Garnett met with the board along with Frances
Scofield to

request the Selectmen modify the plumbing code to allow for only one, ADA
compliant bathroom. Jim Coffey reported that the Board of Selectmen have
no authority to grant such a modification to the International Building code.

That

requires an application to the Fire Marshall for modification. P J LaMothe said
she would contact the Fire Marshall's Office to request the modification and also
ask that the request be given expedited consideration. John Halter moved and
Steve McGerty seconded to send the Fire Marshall a recommendation to allow
the
modification, the board approved.

7:35 - Ruth Ward, NHMA Legislative Policy – Ruth requested permission to represent
the

Town of Stoddard at the Policy and Procedure Conference, occurring
September

26th. She attended the Spring meeting and served on the subcommittee –
Infrastructure Development and Land Use. John Halter moved and Steve
McGerty seconded to recommend Ruth Ward as the Town's representative,
the board approved. Arnie Stymest signed the appointment card.

7:45 - PJ LaMothe, New Firefighter – PJ reported that Lorraine Gloersen is a certified EMT and is in town about 5 weeks of the year, around July 4th and Christmas. She has her Hep. B shot and certification so there is little cost to the town for her to become a member, a jacket and maybe a pair of boots. These times see an increase in activity for the Rescue and Fire Squads. The Selectmen signed her payroll authorization form.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2014
3. Pistol/Revolver License (6)
4. RSA 76:21 Prorated Abatement – John and Dian Washuta's garage, which was hit by a truck and was removed, will receive an abatement for the whole year.

All the above items were signed.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS:

Ron Dube, Valley Road asked what progress had been made on correcting the deficiencies on the Valley Road. It was agreed that Jim Coffey should talk to the current contractor to learn about the problems. David Vaillancourt and Jim Coffey have made a visit to the road. Jim Coffey will request the contractor attend the October 27, 2014 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to ask David Vaillancourt to replace the 2 faulty culverts immediately, the board agreed. It was decided to address the gravel issue during the next budget pass.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter to DOT Commissioner Christopher Clement concerning the Safety of NH Route

9 in Southwest NH. Tim Murphy of SWRPC and Kendall Lane, Mayor of Keene, have sent a letter to the NH DOT suggesting a solution of rumble strips being installed to help cut down on the accidents where there are no residences.

2. Mediation information in Town of Stoddard v. Kenneth Holland and Lorraine Joslyn, scheduled for September 26. See #5 under Harry Power.
3. Cutter Construction Schedule – Mr. Cutter is proposing the following schedule for Phase 3 renovations to the Town Hall:

9/16 - 18 – Demo and substantially frame new bathrooms

9/21 - 10/ 3 – Complete framing and plumbing, heat and electrical rough-in in new bathrooms

10/6 - 15 – Demo, frame, and install plumbing, heat & electrical rough-in in the new Kitchenette area

10/16 - 22 – Install drywall in all areas.

10/23-28 – Complete Cabinetry and finish woodwork

10/29 – 11/4 – Painting all areas

11/5 – 11/14 – Install flooring and Mechanical finishes

11/19 – Project complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NHMA Voting Delegate Authorization – see Ruth Ward (above)
2. Library Committee proposed letter concerning code issue, and correspondence from MHMA regarding request to vary from code. – See above under appointments
3. Fred Ward/Attorney Panciocco Request for Documents – Jim Coffey read the latest request for documents from Fred Ward. He noted that all the documents being requested have been available to Mr. Ward in the past. Jim will send the letter to Atty. Spear for his response.
4. Primary Election Payment Manifest – the board approved increases for the

Moderator and the Ballot Clerks.

5. NH DRA, New Tax Rate Setting and Other Functions, Web Based

6. Letter from Department of Safety regarding Emergency Stand Alone Phones.

The old way of requiring a hard wired phone during emergencies is being removed due to the cell phones now serving emergency personnel.

7. Coming Year, effective November 1, 2014, guaranteed fuel prices. Propane \$1.825 per gallon and Heating Oil \$3.170 per gallon.

8. Request from Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center for a \$500 donation in our next budget. (They report they served 7 children from Stoddard) This will require a petition.

9. Request from Court Appointed Special Advocates [CASA] of New Hampshire for a \$500 donation in our next budget. This will require a petition.

10. Ballot for the New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials – Jim Coffey will sign this.

11. Request from Kimberly Rumrill to use the Gazebo lawn for a yard sale on Saturday, October. 11, from 09:00 AM until 02:00 PM. The board approved this use.

12. Discuss with Administrator Gould House heating proposal from Irving Energy. – Jim Coffey reported that Irving Energy has proposed a new heating system for the Gould House for \$10,200. Arron Costa asked if other suppliers were asked to quote. That answer was no as the price was excellent and only offered for 1 day. Steve McGerty and John Halter requested Jim Coffey get a second price for furnace. Steve McGerty expressed a desire to hold off on heating upgrades at the Gould House until the walkway from the upper parking lot is improved. John Halter asked what the cost would be for the improvements. Jim Coffey will consult with David Vaillancourt on a price. John Halter asked Jim Coffey to have Irving Service the Gould House boiler and look at the chimney for cleaning.

13. Cross Country Assessing new property value notification and dates for informal hearings. Discuss. The schedule for the revaluation is:

Letters to all tax payers will go out September 25.

Informal hearings will be 10/3 – 9AM – 4 PM, 10/4 9AM – 3 PM and
10/6 11AM – 7PM.

The hearings will be held in the Red Room at the Gould House.

14. Health Alert forwarded to Dr. Englund – the members read the alert.

15. Discuss Friendly Meals suggested use of side door for tomorrow's dinner. Need to have someone direct the people coming in.

16. Discuss Columbus Day and October meeting schedule – The board decided to cancel 9/29 and 10/13 meetings and rescheduled for 10/6 @ 7:30 PM, after the School Board meeting.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Arnie Stymest suggested the board send a letter of thanks to the Stoddard Historical and Preservation Societies due to their providing the Town Clerk's sign on the Town Hall, Town Offices sign on the Gould House lawn, shutters on the Gould House and previous handicapped ramp to access the Gould House. He also suggested making mention in the Town Report of these good works. The board approved.
2. Steve McGerty asked when David Vaillancourt was going to provide a temporary fix to the water issues at the Joslyn property on Juniper Hill Road.
3. Steve McGerty reminded the board that the thermostat outside the Town Clerk's office needs to be moved to in back of the water cooler as it now resides above the heater.
4. Steve McGerty asked Jim Coffey to get an estimate from David Vaillancourt to widen the Gould House driveway.
5. Steve McGerty made a motion:

I am requesting again that you reconsider overturning all of the issues brought against Lakefalls Lodge.

I am asking this on behalf of myself and the taxpayers of Stoddard.

The only one that is benefiting is Lawyer Bradley. How much did his fees last

week cost the taxpayers?

At this time I am making a motion to drop all charges and actions that have been set forth against the Healey family and Lakefalls Lodge. There was no second.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Stoddard School Board Community Forum in the Lucy B. Hill Community Room on October 6, at 7:00 PM.
2. Stoddard Conservation Commission's combined Agenda/Minutes from September 17, 2014.
3. Approved MS-1 Extension
4. Title for 2007 International fire truck, lease paid off.
5. Correspondence from Mr. David Wilder with some old Stoddard pictures
6. Non-Public correspondence from Attorney Gavin - not required as the situation was discussed in open session with the tax payer. It has been reported that all supplies for the State Approved septic disposal privy have been acquired.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 9:55 PM, he board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

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