

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2011**

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**October 24, 2011**

Chairman Stymest opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M., with the Pledge of allegiance.

Attending were Chairman Arnold Stymest and Selectmen John Halter and Lou GrandPre', Town Administrator James Coffey and members of the public were also present.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

7:00 Harry Power, Compliance Officer, presented the Board with information regarding junkyards, including definitions, based on RSA 236:12 and other related material. Mr. Power suggested the Board read this information and use it for a future discussion.

7:03 P.M., Robert Fee presented the Board with a letter that expressed concerns with excessive speeding on King's Highway. Mr. Fee cited the increase volume of traffic, speeding and not yielding to pedestrians, especially children as major issues. He went on to state that he has access to a calibrated radar gun used by a snowmobile club and that he has clocked traffic at 57 mph in a 30 MPH zone. Chairman Stymest asked that a copy of Mr. Fee's letter be given to Chief Vaillancourt. Sandra Holland mentioned that when she comes out of Turtle Rock Road onto King's Highway it is dangerous because King's Highway traffic is often speeding and the sight distance is poor. She mentioned some near misses. During a discussion about enforcement Selectman GrandPre' questioned what is available in the budget. Chairman Stymest and Administrator Jim Coffey will look at the police budget. Chairman Stymest stated that some action needs to be taken. Selectman Halter moved, seconded by Selectman GrandPre' to have Chief

Vaillancourt patrol the road. It was also mentioned that the worst time for speeding was during the morning and evening commuter times.

#### OPEN SESSION:

At 7:14 Chairman Stymest opened the the meeting to public comment.

Amy Rokoszak asked if the minutes of the Building Committee could be put on the Town's web site. She also questioned the starting of a meeting without a secretary. Selectman GrandPre' stated that the meeting did start without the secretary. The secretary arrived late due to a misunderstanding of the time the meeting started.

Dick Briere questioned having architect, Dan Scully, wait thirty minutes before he was invited to speak at a recent Building Committee meeting. Mr. Briere also mentioned previous concerns about vapor barriers for the base of the Town Hall, along with rubble piers. He cited an earlier study by Baybutt Construction. Chairman Stymest said that Mr. Scully will address those items.

Lorraine Joslyn inquired about how many jobs Harry Power has. Mr. Power then reviewed the items assigned to the Compliance Officer. Chairman Stymest thanked Mr. Power.

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1. October 10 Minutes
2. Accounts Payable Manifest

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Juniper Hill Road drainage from the last meeting. The Board asked Lorraine Joslyn if she had obtained prices for drainage work on Juniper Hill Road. She said that she has not, and will let us know when she gets them.

A letter from Cheshire County Commissioner Aaron Patt relating to Fire Mutual Aid was received. Administrator Jim Coffey explained that the Fire Mutual Aid service will no longer be included in the Cheshire County budget, but each town will be

billed by the service directly.

A notice of Findings from the DES, Tax Map 126, Lot 15, RSA 483-B, showed the property to be in compliance with wetland regulation. There was one small recommendation.

Other items in the Agenda were reviewed but no specific action was taken.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Stymest brought in a proposal from Clem's to resurface the Town Hall floors. Harry Power commented that this person does a fabulous job. Chairman Stymest stated that the work can be done over the Thanksgiving weekend. At the end of the discussion Selectman GrandPre', seconded by Selectman Halter, moved to have the main hall floor and entry way done. Chairman Stymest will make the arrangements. The motion passed 3-0.

A proposal from Dan Burrows to make repairs to the Old Fire Station was discussed. It was decided to discuss this further with Chief LaMothe at the next meeting. Amy Rokoszak mentioned that there are trees and brush needed to be cut at the back of the building which creates the dampness problem.

A letter commending Officer Busto for the outstanding way he helped two out of state motorists on Route 9 was read. A copy will be sent to Officer Busto, along with a supporting letter from the Board, and a copy placed into the personnel file.

Administrator Jim Coffey reviewed some preliminary numbers relative to the tax rate setting with the Board. He also explained the recommended amount of fund balance to be retained based on DRA policy. He stated that he expected the tax rate to be set shortly.

Other items in the Agenda were reviewed but no specific action was taken.

#### OTHER

8:09 P.M. Administrator Jim Coffey asked for a non-public session under

RSA 91-A:3, II for discussing a pending legal matter and for an item that could affect the reputation of a person. Motion to enter non-public session was made by Selectman Halter, seconded by Selectman GrandPre'. Role Call Vote: GrandPre'-yes, Halter-yes and Stymest-yes.

8:28 P.M. The Board returned to Public Session. Selectman GrandPre', seconded by Selectman Halter, moved to seal the minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

8:28 Selectman Halter, seconded by selectman GrandPre', moved to adjourn. The motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

James Coffey, Administrator

Approved

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Arnold Stymest, Chairman

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Louis GrandPre'

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John Halter

Board of Selectmen

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
AGENDA  
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**APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 Harry Power

7:20 Bob Fee, speeding on Kings Highway

7:35 Frank Stuckey

Non-Public Session with Administrator, RSA 91-A:3, II e, and II ©

To be after all appointments are concluded.

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#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Letter from Cheshire County Commissioner Aaron Patt relating to Fire Mutual Aid.
2. Discuss Juniper Hill Road, From Last Meeting
3. Notice of Findings from DES, Tax Map 126, Lot 15, RSA 483-B Compliance
4. Letter sent to Court, Stoddard v. Jennison and Willard, on October 11. Cease & Desist Order (Previously signed by the Selectmen)

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Quote from Clem's on floor care
2. letter from Robert Fee – see 7:20 appointment
3. Letter from Roberta Rup
4. DES Notice – Shoreland Permit Application
5. DRA Community Action Report
6. Letter to Selectmen & Chief Vaillancourt commending Officer Busto for his assistance to a motorist.
7. Discuss Tax Rate setting with Administrator
8. Unemployment Contribution, for 2012.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. State of NH Diesel Fuel Fixed Prices
2. Zoning Board Notice of Special Exception for Monadnock Boat Store
3. October 13 Building Committee Minutes Meeting Minutes
4. OEP Weatherization Day Notice
5. LGC Manual for Volunteer Policies
6. Swrpc Highlights
7. Environmental News