

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 11-24-2014**

Submitted by stoddard on Tue, 11/25/2014 - 3:20pm.

**Preliminary**

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November 24, 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 – Tax Map # 122, Lot # 25 – Laura Phillips – Whitney Road, ZBA approved the increase of a 2 foot incursion into the wet lands area to allow a new, larger porch to replace one already in existence, the board approved.

Tax Map # 126 – Lot # 29- Ken & Lorrie Willette on Old Antrim Road has been sent to the ZBA, which will not hear the application until their January meeting.

7:15 – David Vaillancourt/Jim Coffey – concerning culvert replacement procedures – the State holds a Public Works course on regulations to replace culverts. The problem being that the Town of Stoddard does not have a Public Works Department. The board approved creating a Public Works Department with David Vaillancourt as the Road Agent and Jim Coffey as the Director of Public Works and they will attend the certification course to be certified as municipal employees, the board approved with Steve McGerty opposed. The

board agreed to pay David Vaillancourt a stipend of \$100 to attend the course with Jim Coffey to attend as a part of his salaried job.

7:30 – George Preston presented a petition to the board to allow Barrett Pond Road to be re-classified from Class VI to Class V and improve the Road for a length of 345 feet to a Class V condition to allow access to the pond by the public. There is some question as to if Barrett Pond is a great pond or not. This improvement would be paid for by Mr. Preston and thereafter, he would request that the Town maintain the way. Jim Coffey has discussed the pond with the NH Department of Environmental Services to learn if the pond really is a great pond (10 acres), as indicated on many state maps. Mr. Preston has been paying taxes on the area of the pond over the years. Jim Coffey reported that the beavers making the surface of the pond larger does not constitute it to become a Great Pond.

TO BE SIGNED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of November 10
4. BOS Non-Public Minutes (2) of November 10
5. Appointment approval of Linda Clark as a Municipal Agent
6. 2014, Issue 2, Property Tax Warrant, Two Copies – the Tax Rate has been set at \$15.91 per thousand. Most tax payers should see a decrease in the overall taxes as the re-evaluation has been completed.
7. Application to Use Town Hall from Carol Clark - Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to approve the rental (checks have been received), the board approved.

All the above where signed.

#### RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS:

Mark Williams met with the board to apply for an abatement on his taxes due to his meeting with Cross Country Appraisals, who admitted that they had made an error on his assessment. Jim Coffey will send it to Cross Country for their input and make the corrections to the record.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Copy of letter to legal counsel from Harry Power for Board members.
2. Copy of a second letter to Richard & Deborah Weaver (Tax Map # 408, Lot # 20 on Route 123 North) from Harry Power, regarding clean-up of their site for each Board member.

Both were taken under advisement.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Primex CAP program with Town Administrator – the board approved the program and adopted a resolution: **RESOLVED:** To hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex) to enter into its Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) as of the date of the adoption of this resolution, and to be contractually bound to all the terms and conditions of Primex risk management pool membership during the term of the Property & Liability contribution Assurance Program (CAP). The coverage provided by Primex in each year of membership shall be as then set forth in the coverage Documents of Primex.

I attest that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution of the Governing Board of the Town of Stoddard adopted on November 24, 2014. s/Arnold Stymest

2. Primex Worker's Compensation Compliance Poster – will be distributed to each town building.
3. Jim Coffey reported receiving a verbal complaint for culvert at the junction of

Walker Road and Shedd Hill Road. David Vaillancourt reported that the run off from the hill above the existing culvert makes a problem when there is a large storm. He noted that Walker Road is a private road and the entire road needs to be maintained. There needs to be ditching and another culvert installed to stem the flow that is causing damage.

#### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Steve McGerty asked about office hours when there is a storm and the school is not holding regular classes, due to vacations or holidays. John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded if storm conditions are dangerous, the office will be closed. There will be no office hours on Friday, November 28, due to the holiday.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 2013-2014 Audit from Melanson & Heath-available to the public
2. ZBA Minutes of November 20, 2014
3. Conservation Commission Minutes
4. Copy of letter to Division of Motor Vehicles, Re: Monadnock Boat Store, stating that there are no zoning violations.
5. UNH Technology Transfer Center Fall 2014 Publication
6. Memo to Town Administrator from SAU 24 regarding Faulkner Elementary School's annual fire inspection.
7. Notice of 2015 Primex Annual Conference
8. Forest Notes magazine

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to adjourn at 8:10 PM, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Arnie Stymest

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

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**AGENDA**

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