

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Submitted by stoddard on Tue, 11/29/2011 - 1:25am.

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

Attending were Selectman John Halter, Selectman Louis GrandPre' and Selectman Chair Arnold Stymest, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, AA.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power - nothing to report

7:10 PM - Dave Marcoux - Waste Management representative - appeared to answer questions concerning the report by Alan Champney, at last board meeting, complaining about his treatment by the staff at the transfer station. He related his experience with Mr. Champney on a recent visit to the facility, indicating that Mr. Champney used abusive language and invasive gesturing , that made physical contact with the attendant, when asked to see his dump sticker. Mr. Marcoux reported that he felt the staff was at risk and called the Police Chief.

Arnie Stymest reported seeing vehicles dumping metal scrap in the box and that the vehicle, registered in NY, not being asked for his dump sticker. He also reported that he observed 2 men picking metal from the metal box with no challenge from the Waste Management attendee. Mr. Marcoux said he was at the meeting to answer to Alan Champney's concerns and was not prepared to address other complaints. Arnie Stymest said he would email the list of concerns to Mr. Marcoux.

7:12 PM - P. J. LaMothe - met with the board to explain her method of arriving at the assembly capacity, with tables and chairs, in the main Town Hall. She

explained the way she arrived at the 58 capacity for table and chair meals. She was asked if the Tax Collector's office were removed from the hall, would the capacity increase to the former 78 people. She said she would work with Tom Humphrey, of the Fire Marshall's office, to re-calculate the capacity. She looked at Monahan's report and said she was directed to use 7 sq. ft. per person, not the 5 sq. ft. that they used. She is awaiting a call back from Mr. Humphrey as to when he is available to visit the Town Hall for re-calculation of capacity allowed if the Tax Collector's office and file cabinet were removed. She will email the office when that appointment is established. Louis GrandPre' and Arnie Stymest expressed a desire to attend that visit.

Barbara Rockwell reported that she has been working on the Senior Meals program for 3 years and wanted to know why, all of a sudden, the changes were enacted.

Carol Briere asked why the Tax Collector's Office hasn't been moved to the Gould House.

Harry Power surveyed the municipal departments and out of all the departments, the Tax Collector receives little or no traffic and requires the least amount of space. Ellen Mason needs a computer line and phone line, along with signage in order to moved to the Gould House.

Jim Coffey said it would be very easy to do, in about 4 hours at the cost of about \$200., to ready the Gould House for the Tax Collector's use. She cannot run her computer remotely, as the operating system for Tax Collection resides on the network server.

John Halter said he was waiting for the Fire Marshall's report prior to agreeing to the use of the Gould House.

Barbara Ewels said she was very proud of the volunteers and the donations that provided a usable space in the Gould House.

Arnie Stymest read a letter from Architect Monahan approving the Gould House for use.

Matthew Wheeler said it would be objective to move the Tax Collector.

Bob Hardy said he was confused - now - why is there a hang-up to moving into the Gould House.

Louis GrandPre' said the money to renovate the Gould House was voted down completely at the Town Meeting two years ago. Many attendees disagreed with his statement.

Angel Nicoletti stated that the Tax Collector should be moved.

Mary Lou Stymest recalled paying her taxes in the breezeway of Pat Campbell's house. She couldn't understand the objection to using the Gould House, as Pat's office was in her house and the Gould House is a house also.

Mike Oldershaw wondered why the issue is all of a sudden.

John Halter said it shouldn't have come up all of a sudden. He wanted to wait until the report from the Fire Marshall on the ability to use the Gould House for the proposed office space.

Jean Kelly said that the big table along the wall is used for seating and the table at the Tax Collector's section is used for the nurse during the Senior Meals for folks to have their blood pressure taken and for flu shots in the fall. She felt the Senior Meals program is a very necessary function with in the Town Hall.

Steve McGerty suggested the Selectmen approve the move with the stipulation that the Fire Marshall gives an affirmative on the use.

Arnie Stymest moved to approve moving the Tax Collector's office to the Gould House, if the Fire Marshall and P J agree. There was not second.

Louis GrandPre' read Article 6 of the 2009 Town Meeting saying the voters turned the article down - 114 - no v 56 - yes.

Arlene DiCorcia asked Louis GrandPre' why he refused to go into the Gould House.

Louis GrandPre' reported that he has gone into the building twice, once with the Building Committee's visit.

Noreen Durand suggested moving the Tax collector to the stage and then the space she is in could revert to open space to allow the meals to continue with 78 folks attending.

John Halter said he was agreeable to a solution if P J and the Fire Marshall approve and the use does not violate any other codes.

Ellen Mason said she has been working in the tax collector position for about 10 years, including deputy to Pat Campbell. She finds the present location to be unsecured and she must lock everything up every time she works. She suggested moving into the Board of Selectmen's office temporarily. The space she is using isn't ideal, by a long shot. She reported that she cannot work during Yoga, other meetings and she just wants a space where her records are secure and available whenever she needs to work.

Ben Wilder said "my pc" could connect any computer to any other computer in the

world.

Maury Collins wondered if the file cabinets could be moved back in to the Selectmen's office and have the Tax Collector, Town Administrator and the Administrative Assistant share the space.

Moved by Chairman Stymest: I move that we establish the goal of resolving the immediate problem of the occupancy loading of the Town Hall. In looking for the best solution this leaves open the possible use of the Gould House by the Tax Collector, providing that this is satisfactory to the State Fire Marshall and the Stoddard Fire Chief, and does create any further violations, was seconded by John Halter and approved 3 - 0.

OPEN RUDIMENTARY DISCUSSION:

Gordon Jennison presented a letter requesting the Selectmen's minutes from 2000 - 2004. The staff will research them and let him know when he can come in and see them. Any copying of pages will be at \$.25/each.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Minutes of November 14, 2011
2. Minutes of November 14, 2011 – Non-Public
3. Appointment of Arnold Antak as Emergency Management Deputy Director
4. Appointment of Richard Gariepy as Emergency Management Director
5. Appointment of Mario Zamaripas as an Alternate for the ZBA
6. Friends of the Library Use of the Town Hall for Movie Night - approved with the rental fee and deposit waived.
7. Stoddard Congregational Church use of Town Hall from January 2012 to April 2012, for Sunday Services - asked the reason the church wanted to use the hall - Patricia Putnam reported that the church costs \$150. Per Sunday to heat. - approved with rental fee and deposit waived, with the Church to set up, take down and clean the space.
8. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber, Map 13, Lot 07, Owner is the Harris Center - signed
9. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber, Map 410, Lot 09, Owner is Andorra Forest, LP - signed
10. Application for Veteran's Tax Credit, effective 2012 - signed
11. Property Tax Abatement for Tax map 118, Lot 02, Veteran's Tax Credit removed in error during lot mergers. - signed
12. Pistol Permit R439726 - signed

OLD BUSINESS

1. Notice of Hearing for Holland v. Stoddard's for December 1, 2011

NEW BUSINESS

1. December 9, Kelly Ayotte Office Hours in Stoddard
2. Letter from Tax Payer about her high taxes Note: Waterfront PRC Attached)
3. Reminder of SWRPC Guiding Change Presentation for Town Boards on November 29, 2011 at the Town hall.

No action taken, except to approve that Jim Coffey will write a letter to the Tax Payer complaining of her tax bill.

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OTHER ITEMS

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Per RSA 91A:11, (e)

Arnie Stymest moved to go into non-public session:

John Halter - yes

Louis GrandPre' - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes.

No action taken - the board returned to open session:

John Halter - yes

Louis GrandPre' - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes

Voted to seal the minutes -

John Halter - yes

Louis GrandPre' - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes.

John Halter moved and Louis GrandPre' seconded to adjourn at 9:20 PM, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Arnold Stymest

John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

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7:15 Chief Lamothe, Town Hall capacity

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