

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2011

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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.

TO SIGN/APPROVE

Accounts Payable Manifest was signed.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - PJ LaMothe - Town Hall occupancy issue.

The prior occupancy limit, with tables and chairs was 78 people.

With PJ's new measurements there are only 58 people allowed to assemble.

Arnie Stymest reported that he had talked to Tom Humphrey, of the Fire Marshall's Office, today and he agreed that the Tax Collector's Office could be moved to the Gould House until he was able to come out and measure, with PJ, the area available for dinners.

Arnie Stymest moved to have the Tax Collector's Office to the Gould House until the Fire Marshall is available to inspect the Town Hall. There was no second.

PJ explained that the way she came up with 58 people was to measure from the stage to the back wall and from the east wall to the west wall and reduce the footage by the various pieces of furniture and filing and storage cabinets. She

noted that the staff has cleaned a lot of stuff out of the hall, which was in the way and reduced the square footage available. Now she notes that the Checklist Cabinet and the file cabinets for the Property Record Files and the Tax Collector's area have still what is useable.

PJ said she would have to talk to Tom Humphrey to find out the restrictions for the Gould House's use. She agreed to measure the Gould House on Thursday but would not agree to issue an occupancy permit for that building until the Fire Marshall is available.

PJ agreed that there was a big improvement in the amount of furniture remaining in the Town Hall.

Louis GrandPre' asked how many attendees could be gained if the Tax Collector's Office was pushed against the wall during the Senior Meal.

PJ guessed 70 - 78 would be approved.

Barbara Rockwell asked if the measuring could be done tonight. PJ agreed to measure as she has her tape measure with her. Barbara reiterated that she has to know by Thursday.

John Halter noted that the tax season is busy now and the collector has a lot of payments to be recorded now. John also expressed his goal is to have an immediate agreement to allow the December 13, 2011 meal to be held. He also referred to the motion of last week as still being on the table.

Motion by John:

"To move the Tax Collector's desk against the wall, and to remove the adjacent table, and to revisit this issue at the first Monday Selectman's meeting in January. Motion seconded by Selectman GrandPre' and passed 3-0.

Mike Oldershaw said he could not understand the issue of moving the desks to

gain more room because the desks would still be in the space.

Charlotte Pratt pointed out that this time of year is very busy for the Tax Collector.

Jim Coffey explained that the Tax Collector and Board of Selectmen's staff work together and the Tax Collector can use the Town Administrator's computer to records payments when the BOS staff is not using it.

Carol Briere noted that the Gould House is clean, handicapped assessable and warm and she felt the space is an answer to the space crunch in the Town Hall.

Mary Lou Stymest pointed out that the small, drop-leaf table is used to dispense desserts during the Senior Meals.

Nancy Oldershaw asked if the occupancy issue would be resolved before the January meal.

John Halter said the fix is temporary until the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall can visit the two buildings.

Nancy Oldershaw reported that there is a lot of work that goes into the presentation of the Senior Meals and they need to continue as the meal is the only time some of the attendees have to socialize.

Ed Quinn pointed out that the motion of last week was voted upon and could not be considered to be still on the table.

John Halter said he stood corrected and he meant that the motion still viable

Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to adjourn at 7:30 PM, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Arnold Stymest

John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AGENDA
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss Town Hall's Occupancy issues

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Accounts Payable Manifest

Upon adjournment, the selectmen will be meeting with their attorney.