

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 12-09-2013

Submitted by stoddard on Tue, 12/10/2013 - 6:23pm.

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December 9, 2013

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman Chairman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several attended the meeting as on lookers. John Halter was excused.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power - Building Permits:

1. Tax Map # 127, Lots # 28 & 29 - Anderson Road, LaRoche for a major renovation - approved
2. Tax Map # 138, Lot # 45 - North Shore Road, Frechette - garage and addition - approved
3. Tax Map # 421, Lot # 8 - Wendy Road, Duane Osborne - addition of living and dining rooms - approved
4. Tax Map 415, Lot #12 - Center Pond Road, Winship - this property owner has not submitted a road waiver, as previously required. In that letter Harry is to include that this is the last notice and there is a \$275/day fine that can be levied back to the first day of the

discovery of the violation. Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to send a letter (both certified and under first class) to Mr. Winship requiring his compliance with the building permit requirements, the board approved. When the road waiver is received, the building permit will go to the Planning Board (next meeting is 1-07-2014) for its information, prior to approval by the Selectmen.

7:15 - John Larson, Cutting dead wood on Town property - met with the board to ask permission to cut dead wood, which is lying on the ground, on the Cahill Road property and by the Gazebo where a dead oak is lying. Steve McGerty expressed concern for liability if anything happened. Steve also said the property would have to be left neat. Jim Coffey will check with the LGC, the town's insurer, to see if a volunteer can pick up debris without liability to the town.

He said he is willing to sign a waiver that exempts the Town from liability, should he be hurt.

Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to approve as long as the LGC says OK, the board approved.

7:30 – David Cutter – Discuss Building Project - Mr. Cutter apologized for the long term of the project, noting that most of that delay was beyond his control. He spoke of the electrical problems that were discovered when the walls were stripped inside the Town Hall. It necessitated 2 visits from an Electrical Engineer, which were spread out over 2 months. He hopes to have the light fixtures in place prior to the Church Ornament Workshop, scheduled for 12/14/2013. The security system and fire panel will be done sometime soon. Steve McGerty asked if louvers were planned for the furnace room. Mr. Cutter will investigate. The ceiling fans are ordered and the glass security window replacement for the Tax Collector's office is on order. The Selectmen decided to have that window installed to see if it is acceptable prior to having the 2 in the Town Clerk's office replaced. There was discussion over having windows with holes or having sliding glass panels for the Town Clerk's office so the heat will remain in her office. For a heater in the front hall, Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to approve a change order to add a convection heater with blower for the front hall, the board approved. Jim will be

meeting with Mr. Cutter on Friday to develop a punch list of items that still need to be completed.

Jim Coffey asked if there was any reason to keep the piano that is on the stage. Groups now bring in portable keyboards for any musical programs. There was not objection to disposing of the piano.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. November 25, 2013 Minutes
4. November 25, 2013 Non-Public Minutes
5. December 2, 2013 Aten Road Hearing Minutes
6. Property Tax Abatement for 133/14, Discuss with Administrator, Approval Recommended.
7. Notice of Intent To Cut Wood or Timber / Aten Road 418/05
8. Abatement for Flemming - error in Cross Country update.

All above were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter to Jim Coffey from Robert Perrin, Discuss with Administrator - Jim Coffey read a letter from Robert Perrin, Tax Map # 415, Lot # 13 indicating that he has removed the lean to and has returned his property to pristine condition. Mr. Perrin reported that a former Board of Selectmen had decided not to require any portion of his property to be removed from Current Use, when they approved his building permit for the lean to. Discussion followed that indicated that those Selectmen really acted in error. Their decision does not exempt Mr. Perrin from the Current Use penalty levy that will be issued soon. He is free to reapply, in the future, for full current use status if the land is returned to natural condition.
2. Use of Local Land Use Citations - no action taken
3. Letter from Attorney Prigge, Cahill Cemetery Matter - Jim Coffey read Atty. Prigge's letter and it was noted that the Cemetery Trustees are against any access through the cemetery. Jim Coffey will write a letter indicating the status is as it is now.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Employee Refreshments Policy - Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to provide the equipment (coffee maker) for the employees but that the employees will supply all coffee, etc for their use, the board approved.

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1. Steve McGerty asked if any correspondence with the Faulkners has occurred, concerning the dedication of the baseball field in Darren Pratt & Shannon Sarcione's memories. He reported talking to the Faulkners and they had no objection to the proposal.

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2. 2014 Cheshire County Proposed Budget - taken under advisement.

3. Arnie Stymest asked that thank you letters be send to the Women's Fellowship for placing

wreaths on the Town Hall, Gould House, Cemeteries, Library and Gazebo, the board

agreed.

ADJOURN:

Arnie Stymest moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 8:15 PM, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

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