

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2018

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

Attendees included Margo Santoro, Selectperson, Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Charles Fosberry, Selectman, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Harry Power

1. Tax Map # 103, Lot # 01 – Merriewoode Village, Inc. – this is an after-the-fact application for a Building Permit – the Department of Environmental Services has ordered a restoration plan for all but the deck and stairs – approved.
2. Tax Map # 123, Lot #09 – James & Beverly Cardoza, 67 Champney Road – Harry is holding the Building Permit due to there being no State Approved Septic System and the Cardoza's are living there without one. The town Attorney is writing them a letter ordering them to vacate the property until there is a septic system installed.

7:30 Chief McGerty

1. Steve passed out copies of a proposed contract for Ambulance Service with DiLuzio Ambulance Service, LLC. Chief McGerty reported that it took the Antrim Ambulance 45 minutes to respond to an injured student at the school. After discussion, Jim Coffey agreed to contact the Antrim Town Administrator to ascertain if there is a written contract between the Town of Stoddard and the Antrim Ambulance Service. The Chief is recommending contracting with DiLuzio for ambulance coverage as soon as possible. Margo Santoro suggested having a contract to cover the next 40 months.

2. Steve McGerty reported that the Fire Department budget would be up about \$5,000 for the next fiscal year.

3. Chief McGerty said the Fire Department would be presenting 3 warrant articles for

1. Automatic CPR Unit for \$15,000
2. CO Monitor for anyone exposed to Carbon Monoxide \$5,000
3. For a boat and trailer, like the one that Fish and Game uses \$35,000 – the Fire and Rescue Association will use the money that they realized from selling the old boat and various donations to purchase a motor for the boat with the assistance of Monadnock Boat, who will work to get the most motor for the least cost.

4. Steve McGerty reported that the walls and floor of the meeting room are complete and the ceiling is the last part of the renovation left to accomplish. The cost for the ceiling scraping and painting is \$1,700. Margo Santoro moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to approve the ceiling renovation, the board approved.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Charlie Fosberry suggested that the Highway Grant money could be used to pave the "Municipal Drive" (parking lot for the Town Hall and Gould House).

2. Patricia Putnam reported that she had discussed the moving of the Mailbox from on Route 123 to alongside of the driveway to the Gould House with the mail carrier and received agreement that it would work for the mail deliveries. Jim Coffey said there should be an additional, larger, locked box for UPS and FedEx deliveries that arrive after the buildings are closed.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Minutes of February 12, 2018
2. Minutes of Non-Public Session of February 12, 2018
3. Accounts Payable Manifest
4. Payroll Manifest
5. Use of Town Hall by Island Pond Association
6. Payroll Authorization submitted by Tax Collector
7. All Veteran's Tax Credit Application (1)

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Doug Summerton asked if the big ticket items for the Fire Department will be put out to bid. Steve McGerty said the items are special and only one vendor supplies them. He would entertain going to bid if there are more than one vendor selling them.

2. Doug Summerton asked why there has to be 2 cruisers. It was explained that there have been many instances where two cruisers have been needed for motor vehicle accidents and that there are times when there are a few state cruisers at the same accidents.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review Superior Court Decision, Merriewood Village – Jim Coffey reported that the Town has prevailed in the suit.
2. Review Superior Court Decision, Kenneth Holland, et al – Jim Coffey reported that the defendants, Ben and Tanya Wilder were found in contempt and the court awarded the Town \$200. in legal expenses and directed them to communicate better with the town.
3. Discuss Town Report – Jim Coffey said he is bringing the Town Report up to speed and asked for any suggestions for the cover. Charlie Fosberry reported that there are quite a few pictures of the Shedd Hill Road Bridge from last year where it was especially beautiful. He will submit pictures to Jim Coffey. Charlie Fosberry also suggested that the Town Report be in recognition of someone instead of being dedicated to someone. The board agreed that it is a good idea.
4. Lighting replacement system – Jim Coffey reported that the installation of new lights has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Posting of Roads, and Public Notice – the board authorized posting 2/26 – 5/15 for mud season
2. Letter from DOT concerning oversize and overweight permitting software system, which allow towns to participate. Jim Coffey will look into this.
3. Letter from DOT with a paving list for District 4. (Granite Lake Road) This will be shimming and overlay.
4. Discuss with Administrator tire chain impressions on King's Highway-see pictures. Pictures were passed around of chain marks on the paving on Kings Highway. Doug Summerton reported seeing the log trucks working on the Andorra Forest timber cut putting their chains on at the bottom of the hill pass the mailboxes and removing them when they came out. There wasn't any ideas of who might have done the chain impressions.
5. Discuss budget preparation meeting schedule. – Jim Coffey suggested scheduling extra BOS meetings to work on the budget. He also asked for any input the board might have for the budget. March 5th was set as the first budget workshop. No other business will be entertained. April 9 was scheduled for the Budget Hearing. Town Meeting, for voting is May 8th and the balance of the Town Meeting will take place on May 15th. March 21 – 30 is the sign up time for town offices. The Town Clerk will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 PM

on March 30th for anyone wanting to sign up.

6. Discuss any suggestions for wage changes for 2018-2019. It was noted that the Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector are now at \$18/hour and the board is not expecting any added raises in those two positions in the ensuing budget year.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Harry Power to Daniel Shawver
2. SWRPC Winter Meeting notice
3. Stoddard School District Annual Meeting Warrant.

ADJOURN: Charlie Fosberry moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 8:27 PM, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Margo Santoro

Chris Madden

Charles Fosberry

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