

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2017

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

Attendees included Stephen McGerty, Chairman/Selectman, Margo Santoro, Selectperson, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

### APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Continue discussion of appointment of a Selectman – Steve McGerty nominated Bob Fee and Margo Santoro nominated Chris Madden – Margo Santoro moved and Steve McGerty seconded to approve Chris Madden to fill the position vacated by John Halter, the board approved. Steve McGerty swore Chris Madden in to be a selectmen until the end of Town Meeting, 2018. Chris Madden agreed to serve as the selectmen's representation to the Planning Board.

7:05 Paul Krampfert – ZBA Appointment – Paul Krampfert presented Franz Haas and Jason Kovarik as members to the ZBA and Steve McGerty swore them in too.

7:30 Cheshire County Commissioner Joseph Cartwright – Mr. Cartwright met with the board to bring them up to date on issues in the Cheshire Country Commissioners' Office. He reported that the Commissioners have elected to keep the Maplewood Nursing Home in Westmoreland. That facility is licensed for 150 beds and there are 347 residents in need of a bed. The balance of those residents are spread over several other area nursing homes. The State pays 3% and the County pay 47% of the care with the balance coming from Medicare. Mr. Cartwright reported that the County Budget is up 3.33% with 1.6% being derived from taxes.

7:45 Karen Bell, Parking Concern – Karen Bell met with Jim Coffey and did not feel it necessary to appear before the board.

### 7:10 Harry Power – Building Permits & Legal issues

1. Tax Map # 414, Lot # 7.2, Leo and Patricia Campbell, 441 Center Pond Road, addition for a porch and office, approved
2. Tax Map # 120, Lot # 2.2, Tom and Walter Beach, 142 Fernwood Road, 24' X 30' addition, approved.
3. Tax Map # 419 Lot # 06, Steven Lamoureux, 475 Juniper Hill Road, 10' X 16' shed, approved.
4. Tax Map # 414, Lot # 7.2, Leo and Patricia Campbell, 441 Center Pond Road, shed for wood, approved.
5. Tax Map # 120, Lot # 3, Casey Hayes on Fox Run Road, Harry reported observing the property from the road and discovered that Mr. Hayes has cleaned up the equipment, placing it behind his home. Harry will keep track of the issues from the neighbor's complaint.
6. Tax Map # 123, Lot # 3, John & Beth Kuehl, has installed a well without a building permit. Bob Fee reported that Mrs. Kuehl is very sick and the board decided to have Harry let Atty. Matt Serge know that and consider postponing any action for now.
7. Concerning the Holland pending legal – Harry noted that the initial court date if 5/2/2017 @ 9:00 AM and the bench trial is scheduled for 5/8& 5/15. Sam Bradley will keep the court date and will need the Selectmen to be available, via phone, to consult with him on any questions that come up. It was noted that Lorraine Joslyn has some unacceptable equipment back on her property and the board asked that Atty. Bradley send her a letter requesting the removal of the trailer and backhoe. Harry said the board needs to be strict on the issue.
8. Tax Map # 123, Lot # 9, James Cardoza, 67 Champney Road, ongoing issues with no removal action after Atty. Serge wrote him a letter, with fines described on noncompliance. The

Selectmen stated that Mr. Cardoza will not receive any building permit until the lot line issue is settled, which might involve a Planning Board issue.

#### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty wanted to know what has been done about the piece of land that belongs to Shannon Sarcione on Old Antrim Road, where the Tax Collector send a notice to Joseph Sarcione about the pending lien.

2. Steve McGerty said he wants to remove the heat in the Fire Department training room and replace it with a LP heater in the fall. Steve referred to the pending floor replacement and wants to have the new flooring to run under the present electric heater.

3. Steve McGerty referred to an ID camera which needs to be purchased to provide photo IDs for Fire Department members to prove who they are when going onto property. He has ordered a unit, which is a camera and printer. The Fire Department will offer IDs to other Towns to allow for some recouping of the expense of \$2,000.00 for the unit.

4. Status of Street Light Test – Jim Coffey has been working with Paul Hausmann from Eversource to have a 50W LED unit installed on the pole next to the Fire Station so the public can learn how bright the light will be.

5. The board discussed compensation for Chris Madden, due to the position being filled for 2.5 months of the year. They agreed to pay Chris Madden for 2 1/2 months of time.

6. Chris Madden reported that he has a set of keys for the buildings and that he will turn over the Planning Board keys on May 2, to Dian Mathews.

#### SIGNED/APPROVED:

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8. Timber Tax Warrant – Operations Number 16-425-08
9. Current Use Application, Map 425, Lot 15, Nicholas & Jane Healy
10. Abatement for 23 Red Coat Lane, Christopher & Laura Troian
11. Appointments for ZBA (2) See 7:10 Appointment
12. Application for use of Town Hall from Steven Rockwell (needs insurance policy)
13. Application for the use of Town Hall from the Women's Fellowship
14. Veteran's Tax Credit (1)
15. Disability Tax Credit (1)
16. Letter of Agreement for Assessing Services from Tammy Jameson – no change in compensation

All the above were signed.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Driveway permit from NH DOT for Cook Forest Products (Informational relating to brush and timber cutting along the PSNH R-O-W in Stoddard).
2. Discuss proposal from James St. Jean, Auctioneers, to sell two tax deeded properties on Barrett Pond Road. Jim Coffey explained that he thinks Jean St. Jean Auctioneers to auction off 2 parcels on Barrett Pond Road, which the town took by tax lien. Jim Coffey suggested the auction take place on or after July 17, 2017 when the Town will have owned the parcels for 3 years. The Town would not have to pay for any auctioneering services and the buyer(s) would pay that cost. Margo Santoro moved and Chris Madden seconded to have Jim ask for

a new contract with the reserve bid being the value of the taxes to date with no interest or penalty included, the board approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from the Olde Home Day Committee to use the grounds of the Gazebo on July 8, 2017. Chris Madden moved and Margo Santoro seconded to allow the use for Olde Home Day with no fees, the board approved.
2. Letter from an unidentifiable person concerning parking. Jim Coffey reported that he could not ascertain who had written the complaint or where that person resides. Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to table the issue, the board approved.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 2017 Supplement to the Town Meeting & School Meeting Handbook – Margo will give it to Linda Clark.
2. Forms BTLA 9 & 12 from NH Audubon Society (501C3 Corporation).

ADJOURN: Chris Madden moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 8:47, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Stephen McGerty

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Margo Santoro

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Chris Madden

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