

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 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, Building Permits

1. Tax Map # 422, Lot # 4.2 – Thomas & Stacy Ylitalo, 697 Route 9 – replace deck with a porch – approved
2. Tax Map # 408, Lot # 9 – David Mooney (Harold Mooney), 16 Doe Road – renovate a 2 season porch to a 3 season, enclosed porch – approved

7:15 David Vaillancourt, Discuss Highway Grant – David met with the board to explore using some of the highway grant money to widen the shoulders of the road leading up to the school. This is to get vehicles, parking on both sides of the road during events, off the roadway to allow room for emergency vehicle access. The board thought it was a good idea. David will meet with Ray Lagasse, to explore widening the road.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Margo Santoro reported receiving emails daily if any properties are placed for sale. She said there were 2 on one day and that one place on Eva Lane was listed for way more than it was assessed for. Chris Madden reported touring the house, which is an envelope house. Envelope houses are heating efficient buildings. Jim Coffey explained that the revaluation takes into consideration multiple house sales to average the value of residences in town.

2. It was noted that the Planning Board's minutes have not been posted to the town's website since February (preliminary ones). Jim Coffey will remind their Secretary to bring the minutes up to date.

3. All 3 Selectmen agreed to be present for the Town Voting Day.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Journal
2. Minutes of April 23, 2018
3. Timber Tax Abate & Replacement Warrant – Andorra Forest

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty asked for the town to open an account with Grainger. The Treasurer will work to have that be accomplished.

2. Steve McGerty asked for the Fire Department's portion of the Town's Website be updated.

3. Steve McGerty announced that the Fire Department will hold an open house on Saturday, May 6th.

4. Doug Summerton asked for an update on the railing for the front of the Town House. Jim Coffey reported that he expects a bid shortly.

5. Doug Summerton asked about electronic speed signs (\$3800 each). The board will explore purchasing one, if the School Street widening doesn't use up all the Highway Grant money.

6. David Vaillancourt asked to use his \$1000 sign budget to post speed limit signs. The

board agreed for them to be purchased.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Bruce T. Dural regarding property tax interest. This complaint was previously discussed by the board and it was decided that the interest would not be waived.
2. Replacement for Paul Krampfert, CRLAC – His replacement should be appointed after Town Meeting – interested parties are solicited.
3. Discuss Article 11 on warrant (Fire Department rescue boat and trailer) – Charlie Fosberry ran down a list of what he thought was being requested for the boat. Margo Santoro reported that the Fire Department consulted with several members of the Fire, Rescue & Fire Warden departments to decide the specs for the boat. The boat they decided would serve the town best is one that New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is using. Steve McGerty said if the money is approved at Town Meeting, he will then go to a bid process to find the best price for an equivalent boat. If the bid comes in lower than the money approved then they will purchase it. If the bid comes in higher, the board will not be purchased. Dean Huber commented that the Fire Department has had experience with several boats that did not meet the department's needs.
4. Street light shades – Jim Coffey reported that shades are available and would prevent glare from shining into houses.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Calculation by DRA of new base value for town debt limits. – Jim Coffey reported that the town's value for borrowing has increased (about 10%) to \$268,099,734. This is the value that would be considered if the town needed to borrow. The town has not had to borrow any tax anticipation funds since the twice yearly tax billing has been in place.
2. Wetlands permit application approved by Conservation Commission for 10 day processing by DES. Jim Coffey reported that the Conservation Commission Chairman signed this application without having the committee review it. The Selectmen approved Jim Coffey sending the chairman a memo reminding him that the CC Board has to review applications. (This is an application to replace an existing retaining wall at 188 Tigola Trail and back fill it with gravel.)
3. Discuss two slightly late Veteran's Tax Credit Applications – Jim Coffey reported that one of the applications was submitted last year, prior to the all veterans' exemption being approved at town meeting and the applicant was a bit late resubmitting the application. Margo Santoro moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to approve that application, the board agreed. The other application was received today and will be held for next year. The applicant was advised of that at the time he submitted it.
4. Discuss Solar Exemption Applications – Jim Coffey did not recall any one applying. There was some discussion that one exemption was submitted. Jim Coffey will research to see if any have been submitted.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
2. Historical Society BTLA A-12

ADJOURN: Charlie Fosberry moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 8:14, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Margo Santoro

Chris Madden

Charles Fosberry

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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