

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2016

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

Attendees included John Halter, Selectman Chair, Stephen McGerty, 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 Harry Power –

Tax Map # 139, Lot # 45 – Paul E. Murphy, 639 North Shore Road, replace cottage with State Approved holding tank sewage disposal – Seasonal use only – approved

Tax Map # 414, Lot # 6.2 – Louis & Lynn Heck, 565 Center Pond Road, Shed – approved

Tax Map # 420, Lot # 17 – Steve & Diana Rokes, 15 Keene – Concord Road, going to the ZBA for setback issue – hearing on 6/11/2016. If approved by the ZBA, the Selectmen gave Harry permission to approve the Building Permit prior to their next Selectmen's meeting.

Harry Power reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment has sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen concerning Harry attending site for follow up at 6 months, if conditions are attached to any approval. Because Harry reports to the Selectmen, the board has approved his making site visits to document that conditions have been met.

Tax Map # 131, lot # 26 – James Knight, 38 Pond Point Road, notice has been received that the conditions on Mr. Knight's property that needed correcting have been completed and the State is closing their file on this issue. State of NH issued a letter that the violation has been satisfied.

Tax Map # 408, Lot # 20 – Richard Weaver, 3644 Route 123 North – the property is 90% cleaned up and Mr. Weaver has been very cooperative in the corrective process.

7:15 Library Trustees – a lengthy discussion was conducted concerning CIP projects at the Davis Library.

1. Windows are being replaced at the expense of the Friends of the Library, project to start the end of June, 2016.

2. The ADA Ramp Resurfacing is being planned with the expense being charged to the Davis Library expansion warrant article.

3. Parking Lot Paving, funded by the Friends of the Library has been awarded to M & L Asphalt, scheduling not complete at this time.

4. Landscaping sub-project – problem has been found with a very invasive species of Japanese Knotweed covering about 1/2 of the property. This is a stubborn, invasive weed that is very tough to eradicate. Geri Bailey has explored several avenues to remove the weed but none promised to solve the problem. There is fear that it will encroach the septic system. The removal will cost an immense amount of money and there is no promise that it will be eliminated completely. Further research will be done to determine the best approach to the removal of this weed. Phosphate based weed control sprayed on the leaves, along with cutting the canes seems to be the most cost effective way to try to control this pest. Research on the internet indicated that Goffstown has had some success in the Phosphate control method.

7:40 Open Session – none

8:00 Non-Public Session, RSA 91-a : 3 II(c) – see 9:11 at the end of these minutes

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty – asked the board to thank Frank Stuckey for his continued diligence in placing the flags along Route 123 North, the board agreed.

2. Steve McGerty reported that the Fire Station and Library paving projects will be awarded to the same contractor due to the cost savings.

3. Steve McGerty reported that the pump for the brush truck will be installed by Wally Weaver and himself, saving a good bit of cost in installation fees.

4. John Halter asked the board to thank Virginia GrandPre' for her years of service to the Town, Steve McGerty seconded and the board agreed. She has served as Deputy Town Clerk and Chairman of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, Auditor and is a founding member of the Stoddard Garden Club.

5. Steve McGerty advised the board that he would be purchasing a set of air bags for rescue purposed, the cost estimated at \$3,000. The set the department has now is over 20 years old and could cause catastrophic consequences, should they fail during a rescue mission.

6. John Halter said the Selectmen will be scheduling a public budget hearing to discuss the pending gift from the Friends of the Library, and vote to accept it with gratitude.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2016
2. BOS Board Non-Public Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2016
3. Payroll Authorization, Karen Bell, Assistant Town Clerk
4. ZBA Appointment, Angel Nicoletti, Member to 2019
5. ZBA Appointment, Richard Scofield, Alternate to 2018
6. ZBA Appointment, Edmond Saleski, Alternate to 2019
7. Forest Fire Report/Bill, Dated June 5, 2016 – burn permits issued @ \$3.00 each.
8. Response (Denied) to Eversource 2015 Property Tax Abatement
9. Response (Denied) to Fairpoint 2015 Property Tax Abatement
10. Application for use of Town Hall for reception after a Memorial Service (Helen Sanders)
11. Pistol Permit

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Dean Huber asked where the issuance of burn permit fees would be charged to. The answer was the Forestry budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Correspondence from Attorney Corey Belobrow, Wilder Case – the court has scheduled a pre-trial conference for 4/26, 2017 and the bench trial for 5/8 & 16, 2017.
2. Discuss payment of bills from Stoddard Brush Fire(s), not submitted on State form, but faxed to Town Office by the Forest Fire Warden. The documents have been emailed to Brad Simpkins. Jim Coffey will meet with Steve McGerty to sort out these documents and try to make sense of the payments to be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Unregistered Dog List, Requires Board Approval Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to approve the unlicensed dog warrant issuance, the board agreed.
2. Discuss Mutual Aid for Nelson Brush Fire, Recommend non-payment of State Reports item and payment for Stoddard Fire Fighters at State Rate. (JC) – The board decided to pay their fire fighters, who responded, in the Fire Department Payroll.
3. Primex, Insurance CAP agreements for ensuing two years. Workers' Compensation and Property & Liability. Jim Coffey signed the resolutions to cap the premiums for the next 2 years.
4. Resignation of Virginia GrandPre` as Deputy Town Clerk, effective June 14, 2016. The Board thanked Mrs. GrandPre' for her years of service to the town.
5. Cover Letter from Fire Warden that accompanied documents addressed as separate items.
6. Discuss permitting use of Gazebo, specifically for Old Home Days – The Congregational

Church is holding a yard sale on the Gazebo grounds on July 9, 2016. The Board approved that use.

7. On the issue of ATVs being run on Town roads, the town is allowed to permit them to run on Class 5 or Class 6 roads in town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. (RSA215)

8. Jim Coffey reminded the board that there is a public hearing on the Aten Road Village District proposal on June 20, 2016 @ 7:00.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Certificate of Liability for The Lane Construction Corporation
2. Notes on non-public sessions procedures

Non-Public Session, RSA 91-a:3 II(c)

John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to go into a non-public session at 9:11:

John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

Came out of Non-Public Session at 9:28

John Halter – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

A decision was made and John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 9:31, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

Margo Santoro

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