

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2018

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

Attendees included 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 – Peter Athearn – Property Assessment – met with the board concerning the assessed value on his property. He put 1 acre in current use due to the swampy nature. He had expected the assessment to drop by 1/2. In fact, the acre that was put into current use was assessed at \$500 and that dropped to \$20. The tax rate increased and his taxes went up, which surprised him. He requested the Selectmen ask the Assessor to visit his property to review the condition of the land. He said he has no problem with the assessment on his house. The Selectmen agreed to have the Assessor visit his property and he asked that she call first to make sure he was home. Jim Coffey said if he was still unhappy with the assessment, after the visit, he would then file an abatement request. He agreed.

7:15 – Harry Power, Building Permits

1. Tax Map # 422, Lot # 7 – Matthew & Karen Gallo, 80 Richer Road, replace a single wide mobile home with a double wide mobile home. A State Approved Septic System is approved for operation to accommodate the 3 bedrooms in the new structure, approved.

2. Tax Map # 422, Lot # 19 – Daniel & Kim Shawver, 980 Route 9, convert apartment over garage, approved

3. Tax Map # 134, Lot # 34 – Kevin & Catherine McGuire, 538 Route 123 north, construct free standing platform/dock, approved

4. Tax Map # 115, Lot # 50 – Kenneth & Tracey Lafferty, 230 Tigola Trail, replace deck, approved

5. Tax Map # 101, Lots # 88-90 – Christopher & Bridget Austin, 488 East Shore Drive, Bunkhouse on slab with new State Approved Septic, approved

7:30 – Jason Kovarik – ZBA roster update – Jason reported that he was once again chairman and Curtis Taylor was vice-chairman. He noted that Angel Nicoletti and Franz Haase terms are up in 2019, with his and Doug Summerton terms up in 2020 and Curtis's term up in 2021.

7:40 – David Vaillancourt, Paving Contract – David presented the paving contract from Vermont Roadworks for 1800 feet on Shedd Hill Road between the Marina and Carr Avenue for \$56,140.40. The board approved the contract.

7:45 – Cory Bunker, Non-Public RSA 91-A: 3, II. (c)

Proposed to enter into a Non-Public session @ 7:45 PM:

Charlie Fosberry – yes

Chris Madden – yes

Came out of Non-Public Session @ 7:50.

Charlie Fosberry moved and Chris Madden seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board agreed.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: None

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2018
2. Non-Public Minutes of June 11, 2018
3. All Veterans Tax Credit for John Antonelli
4. Accounts Payable Manifest
5. Fire Department Payroll Authorization, Effective July 1
6. DRA PA-28 Survey
7. Friends of the Library Town Hall use request for August 3

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty reported that he would like to ask Sullivan Fire Department to be first responders for Bowlder Road, Taylor Pond Road and Valley Road (near Sullivan) for fire emergencies. The board was agreeable to that plan.

2. Steve McGerty reported that P. J. LaMothe was back to active duty with the department

3. Steve McGerty requested permission for the Fire Chief or the Police Chief to call out a crew to cut trees as needed in an emergency, like during a storm. Charlie Fosberry moved and Chris Madden seconded to approve, the board agreed.

4. Steve McGerty reported that he only has one bid for residing the Fire Station. He will bring it to the July 9th meeting for approval.

5. Steve McGerty expressed concern that the P/R for training, which a board approved around 3 years ago, was going to be charged to the new fiscal year. Jim Coffey said the members would be paid a stipend via a vendor check and would be applied to the present year's budget.

6. Steve McGerty expressed appreciation for the board's cooperation.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cheshire County Court Orders (2) relating to Merriewoode Access – Jim Coffey reported that the 2 court cases against Merriewoode Village were denied by the judge. A. denied dismissal motion – B. ruled that abutting property owners have a right to traverse over Valley Road to Log Cabin Road and on to their properties and that their access cannot be blocked. This includes the berm and trees that were dropped across the road and the gate. Merriewoode Village has 20 days to remove the blockages.
2. Island Pond Beach/Ramp, Items left and overnight parking – Jim Coffey reported receiving a complaint about chairs being left on the beach when the owners left. Doreen Durand said the chairs were used by numerous beach goers. She also said the Lake Host was leaving her chair there overnight. No action was taken.
3. Discuss Merriewoode Superior Court Decision(s) – see above
4. Denial of Appeal from Carlisle Restoration Lumber by BTLA, Carlisle Restoration Lumber v. Town of Stoddard. Docket No.: 28528-16PT – Jim Coffey reported that the court had denied their appeal due to the circumstances by which they filed their appeal.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Stoddard Fire Rescue Training Pay – This is for members who have completed 65% of their training. The board approved.
2. Peter Athearn Property Record Card (For Discussion) – see above in appointments
3. List (110) of Unlicensed Dogs from Town Clerk – the list will be given to David Vaillancourt for action.
4. Vermont Roadworks Proposal – see above in appointments

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NHMA Floor Policies for Legislation – Jim Coffey thought there might be a couple things that could help Stoddard.
2. Island Pond Water Test Results – water quality passed.

ADJOURN: Chris Madden moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 8:05, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

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