

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 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:

1. 7:00 Harry Power –

1. Tax Map # 424, Lot # 9 – Brian & Mary Grace Nelligan, Aten Road, Harry passed Jim Coffey a map in order to have an E911 address assigned to the property. Jim Coffey will send it to Cartographics for street numbering.

2. Harry Power reported speaking to Dick de Seve regarding whether a building that is burned or is demolished needs a new septic system. Mr. de Seve said the property must have an approval for operation in order to rebuild.

3. Tax Map # 133, Lot # 18 – Robert & Christine McLaughlin, 431 Treelyn Road, wood deck, approved.

4. Tax Map # 110, Lot # 12 – Anthony & Linda LoProto, 66 Colonial Way, Portico, approved.

5. Tax Map # 104, Lot # 7 – Anita Pelletier & Franklin Phillips, 1595 Highland Lake Boat Access, replace boat house, which will make it less non-conforming, approved.

6. Tax Map # 123, Lot # 9 – James & Beverly Cardoza, Champney Road, Harry Power is still holding the building permit due to the lack of a road waiver, required on private roads, and he could not locate the surveyor pins to ascertain if the building was falling outside the setbacks. This is a building that was brought in without a building permit. Harry Power read a letter that he sent to Mr. Cardoza reporting the lack of success finding the survey markers. Joe Sarcione reported that he is involved in this property and will be cutting trees. Joe Sarcione will call Harry Power when the work is done.

2. 9:29 Non- Public Session – Randy Elliott - (RSA 91-A: 3 II (c))

John Halter moved and Margo Santoro seconded to enter into a Non-Public Session:

John Halter – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

9:49 – return to open session

John Halter – yes

Margo Santoro – yes

Steve McGerty – yes

John Halter moved and Margo Santoro seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

John Halter called for any public comments:

Karen Osgood announced that she would be recording the discussion.

About twenty persons were in attendance to inquire about the removal of Joseph Sarcione from the position of Forest Fire Warden, including Mr. Sarcione. Several persons spoke in support of Mr. Sarcione and the discussion also included the vote by the members of the Stoddard Fire Department for the position of Chief last year. Mr. Sarcione also spoke on his behalf. Some of

the people speaking included Jesse Pollock, Roy Marotta, P.J. LaMothe, Barbara Dougeneck, Stephanie Pollock, Ben Wilder, Debby McGerty, Jennifer Herne and Patricia Marotta.

During the discussion Roy Marotta, and others, brought up the subject of conflicts of interest by person holding multiple positions. It was pointed out that the State has a statute covering that subject and we are in compliance, and this led to a discussion about the Town creating its own ordinance. Margo Santoro reflected that she had removed herself from the position of Captain of the Rescue Squad prior to running for the Selectperson's position.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Selectmen tabled their scheduled non-public session to review candidates for recommendation to the State for the Forest Fire Warden position until at least their next meeting. The selectmen also were in agreement to look into submitting an ordinance to the Town next year to limit the holding of certain multiple positions.

When asked why he had signed the letter to the State Forest Fire Warden, John Halter said he had observed a situation that had gotten worse with 2 people not getting along well.

At the conclusion of the public comments John Halter called for a 5 minute recess to allow the participants in the above discussion to leave the hall.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Margo Santoro reported that she is meeting with Joe Sarcione on Wednesday at 4:00 to discuss issues she has with Mr. Sarcione's actions. She also reported that, the day after the election that made Steve McGerty Fire Chief, She met Joe Sarcione and he wanted to know why he wasn't elected Chief when the Fire Fighters voted P J LaMothe out as chief. She told him he had not placed his name on the ticket and his reply was that he would never have run against P J LaMothe.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2016
2. Accounts Payable Journal
3. Forest Fire Bill, Nelson, paid July 18
4. Application for reimbursement for Federal & State forest land

All the above were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion for Extension of Time by Ben Wilder – this is just a notice from the court that they have received the motion.

2. Discuss intrusion into right of way of Valley Road by an abutter, placing of boulder and stone wall. Jim Coffey reported that George Chicoine, road agent on Valley Road, has discovered a boulder placed in the travel way, restricting his ability to maintain the road. This boulder and a retaining wall have been placed at the end of the Class V portion of Valley Road. Jim Coffey offered to visit the property and take pictures of the wall being in the travel way also. The board gave permission to have Mr. Chicoine remove the boulder. They will address the retaining wall when the documentation is presented by Jim Coffey.

3. Letter from Director of Forest & Lands relative to Fire Warden, written to the board. Jim Coffey read the letter, which documents the reasons that the Director found it necessary to remove Joe Sarcione from his position as Stoddard Forest Fire Warden.

4. Letter from Fire Chief relative to candidates for Fire Warden to recommend to the State for interviews, for discussion in non-public session. RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) - John Halter moved and

Steve McGerty seconded to table this issue at least until the next board meeting, August 8 at 8:00 PM, the board approved.

5. Jim Coffey announced that the Judge has granted the town's request to dismiss Fred Ward's suit against the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Jim Coffey is awaiting the written confirmation of Atty. Matt Serge's notification to this, from the court.

6. Jim Coffey reported that Pat Stack and others have filed legal action against Merriewoode Village concerning the gate that prevents them from land access to their property along Log Cabin Road. The town has filed as an intervenor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss well issues. Jim Coffey reported discolored water is coming out of the well. He thinks it is because the buildings being served do not use enough water to keep it clear. When the lawn is watered, the discoloring goes away. Jim will investigate installing a filter.

2. Discuss appointment of inspectors of elections – There is a need to have 2 inspectors of elections. Jim Coffey will contact several residents that are active in elections to see if there is anyone who is interested in these positions. Some of the people suggested to contact were Lindsay Freese, Richard Betz and Donald Flemming.

3. Water test results for Island Pond beach, results are good.

4. Joe Van Schaik reported that the boat ramps at the various lakes need some repair. He suggested placing blue stone to retain the fill and prevent siltation into the bodies of water. The board authorized Jim Coffey to ask David Vaillancourt to do the needed repairs.

5. Margo Santoro reported that there are rocks growing in King's Highway at the request of Bob Fee.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center request for \$1,000 – it was noted that they asked for funding last year and Margo Santoro researched the center and determined that they were duplicating services that the town already donated to.

2. Letter from Harry Power to James & Beverly Cardoza – read by Harry Power.

3. SWRPC Highlights

4. Southwestern Community Services thank you letter

5. DES Environmental News

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 10:00, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

Margo Santoro

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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