

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

October 09, 2017

Continued the regular meeting after the Public Hearing on the Class VI Road Layout.

Attendees included Margo Santoro, Selectperson, Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectman, 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:

7:10 Harry Power

1. Tax Map # 104, Lot # 10 – Joseph Sosnicki, 970 East Shore Drive - applied for a building permit to construct a shed but the assessor discovered that they had converted the shed with a composting toilet and water. Harry called Mr. Sosnicki and told him he needs to remove the water entering into the building. The owner sent an apology and has removed the violation.
2. Tax Map # 131, Lot # 46 – Patricia Bray & Galen Trinkle, 10 Murdough Road – addition of a lien-to to the existing shed, approved.
3. Tax Map # 109, Lot # 6, Alexander & Meghan Chase, 271 Rice Brook Drive – 10 X 28 addition with no more bedrooms – enlarging bedroom and bathroom – approved
4. Tax Map # 113, Lot # 46 & 47 – James Koeller, 28 Carr Avenue – 3 season room and deck – approved
5. Tax Map # 424, Lot # 16 – Daniel & Anne Schreck, 103 Arkwood Lane – assessor and Harry discovered that there has been a 20 X 32 barn converted into a house, it does have a septic system. Atty. Matt Serge suggests that a penalty be levied from the time that the discovery was made until a corrected building permit is submitted.
6. Tax Map # 418, Lot # 02 – Donall & Joyce Healy, 748 Aten Road, assessor discovered an addition has been added to the cabin without a building permit. Suggests that Atty. Matt Serge's suggested penalty be levied as for Tax Map # 424, Lot # 16.
7. Tax Map # 139 Lot # 3 & 44 – Rufus & Joan Chaffee, 628 North Shore Road – Jim Coffey has written then a letter indicating the violations they have undertaken and that they have 30 days to remove the expansions and revert to the restrictions placed by the DES.
8. Tax Map # 422, Lot # 13 – Global Montello Group, Corp – Harry reported that they do not plan to replace the store but will be making upgrades to the interior, which Harry has told them they will not need a building permit for.
9. Tax Map # 420, Lot # 05.1 – Benjamin & Tanya Wilder, Juniper Hill Road – Harry submitted several pictures to be placed in the property record file.
10. Tax Map # 408 Lot # 18 – Warren Mooney III, 32 Doe Road – Harry reported that he has cleaned up his property and is preparing to move out of town.

7:25 David Vaillancourt, Police Hiring/Appointment – David introduced Cameron Prior as the new police officer for the Town. He is full time certified. The board welcomed him.

7:45 Douglas Summerton, Various Old Items –

1. Asked about the parking at the marina – reported that the marina removed their docks last Sunday and have placed them in the Town's roadway. This restricts space for the town to use. It was noted that the marina has other property where they can store the docks. Jim Coffey will notify them that they have 30 days to remove the docks from the Town's right of way.
2. Asked about unregistered and uninspected vehicles parked on the same town right of way. Margo Santoro said she is concerned about the town's liability for these docks, should someone get hurt and the docks being in the way of snowplowing and skimobiles.
3. Asked what is happening with the cell tower. Steve McGerty reported that he was told the electricity is installed and the company plans on constructing the building next year. There was some concern that they are not able to rent more arrays on the tower, thus making the tower too costly to maintain.

4. Asked about the railing on the front of the Town Hall. Jim Coffey said he has it on the list of to dos but hasn't had time to explore a contractor to install the railing and what kind of material to have it made out of.

5. Doug noted that a wood contractor is driving heavy logging trucks up to the development, placing weight stress on the Kings Highway roadway.

8:00 Stephen McGerty, Fire Department Items

1. Submitted pay increase forms for approval giving the fire fighters a \$1.00 raise effective 11/1/2017

2. Asked if the Town has received the FEMA refund for the forest fire. It has not been received.

3. Asked if the Town has received the refund from the State for the forest fire. Jim said it has been received.

4. Noted that there have been 2 life threatening incidents at the Pitcher Mountain Fire Tower. The Fire Department has not improved the side by side to hold an EMT and a back board.

5. Noted that improvements to the meeting room continue to be accomplished by the fire fighters

## SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

### SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 9/25/2017
2. BOS Public Hearing Minutes of 10/02/2017
3. Accounts Payable Manifest
4. Payroll Manifest
5. Financial Report, MS-535

All the above were signed.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Angel Nicoletti asked what would happen if Jim Coffey is not able to work on the Web site. She was told that the Administrative Assistant is versed on publishing on the web and that the web is supported by Virtual Town maintains the site. It was noted that Jim Coffey is the system administrator.

2. Bob Fee reported that the skimobile club can apply for grants to maintain the Class VI trails. These Grants are funded by skimobile registrations.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss with Administrator violation of septic permit at 628 North Shore Road. See letter sent.
2. Discuss setting up hearing for additional highway block grant funds.
3. Note: Casey Hayes has responded to correspondence from the Town and has applied to the ZBA. Through his Attorney Little.
4. Discuss with Administrator status of telephone system and computer network improvements. Jim reported that the phone system is about ready to go live. There will be training sessions on October 18 & 19 to familiarize the staff with the use of the new, improved system.
5. Email from Douglas Summerton – see above appointment
6. Letter from Primex to Lorraine Joselyn concerning claim made by Ben Wilder – Jim Coffey read the letter to the board. Primex had denied the Town's liability for the claim.
7. Copy of letter to David Vaillancourt from George T. Walton concerning road damage on West Shore Road – This letter has been turned over to David Vaillancourt for inspection.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Drinking water sampling request from DES for Stoddard Fire Station. This was a request due to 67 Fire Departments having water testing for foam in their water systems. Margo Santoro reported that no one ever drinks the tap water in the station but Steve McGerty did say that they make ice with the tap water. Jim Coffey will get sample bottles and take the water to be tested.
2. Discuss with Administrator issues with false information on building permits and lack of building

permits – see above under Harry Power's report.

3. Letter from Great Brook Emergency Medical Services – Jim Coffey will email the letter to Steve McGerty for research. The board wondered how many emergency vehicles they have and where they are garaged. Steve McGerty worried that if Stoddard goes with the new service and it fails to cover the town effectively, then the Fire Mutual Aid might increase the charge to take the town back. Steve suggested the company send representatives to meet with the Selectmen at a future date.
4. USDA Communities Facilities Program Notice – Jim Coffey will check out the possibility of obtaining a grant to fund the Town Hall railing project.
5. Authorize release of mortgage held by Town for 570 Old Antrim Road, owned by Gordon Jennison. Jim Coffey reported that Mr. Jennison has paid back his mortgage and Jim will write to the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds to release the Town's lien on his property, which Chris Madden will sign.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Standard Power offering to have the lower electric rates retro-active to January 1.
2. Contact list for the Division of Forest and Lands – a copy has been sent to Randy Weaver and Steve McGerty requested a copy also
3. Lake water testing results from DES
4. SWRPC Highlights – the board reported that they had not gotten this newsletter and Jim will scan it and email it to the board members.
5. ZBA Notice of Hearing and Site Visit – Frank Stuckey
6. Year to date budget report was reviewed by Margo Santoro and Chris Madden

ADJOURN: Margo Santoro moved and Chris Madden seconded to adjourn at 8:46, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Margo Santoro

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Chris Madden

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Charles Fosberry

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