

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2015

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chairman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

### APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Harry Power – Tax Map # 422, Lot # 6.1& 7 – Everett Richer application for a Wireless Communications Tower to be constructed on a discontinued road (RSA674:41) – formerly known as Protection Road or the Old County Road. Harry could not approve this application due to the Planning Board having to hold a Site Plan Review on the placement of a commercial enterprise. The applicant will submit a Site Plan Review application in the near future.

7:30 – P J LaMothe and Joe Sarcione met with the board to review their budget for the coming year and special articles that will be presented. There was a detailed discussion on the Rescue Truck and its impending demise. PJ explained that the truck is a 1994 and is rusting underneath both the frame and wiring. She has obtained a quote for a new, dual cab vehicle for the amount of \$197,609. This will include a 5 man cab and will no longer have a walk in box. There will be a 5% discount if the vehicle is 50% paid for at the time of delivery of the chassis, which saves \$6,322. Several thoughts were discussed on the funding and Jim Coffey thought the payments would be spread over 6 years. PJ also discussed purchasing a used SUV to serve as a command post and transportation for training and meetings, not to cost more than \$30,000. The entire warrant article would come to \$227,609 with a lease purchase cost of about \$35,000 per year.

Jim Coffey suggested evaluating all the equipment in the Fire Department. It was suggested that Tucker Metal double check the frame and former repairs to ascertain the integrity of those repairs and possible Valley to learn what could be done to keep the vehicle in service for a few more years.

Harry Power reminded the board that the School was going to cost about \$300 per property tax payer in increases and the Library expansion would add to the tax rate also. He felt these vehicles were overboard.

Joe Sarcione said it is not what the Fire Department wants but that the equipment belongs to the Town and it is up to the voters to decide what they want in protection equipment. The Fire Department does the best they can with the vehicles they have now. It is up to the Townspeople – do they want protection or to have junk? He reported that the rescue vehicle now in service has a tough time climbing Shedd Hill and Pitcher Mountain to reach emergencies.

Hayden Sarcione suggested that patching up the present rescue vehicle would just be allowing the salt to eat away more. He thought getting a better condition truck could last 7 years.

Jim Coffey thought the two vehicles should be presented in separate articles. If the voters approve the used SUV, he suggested the town buy it outright.

John Halter noted that \$200,000 is a chunk of change. He felt learning the condition of the existing vehicle would be valuable information for voter consideration. Various funding methods for the Rescue replacement were discussed.

Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to have the present Rescue Vehicle evaluated for present condition, the board approved.

PJ LaMothe also reported that the Emergency Management budget would remain the same as last year.

PJ LaMothe asked the board to appoint a building committee to address the future needs of the

Fire Department and include the Police Department in the same facility. She reported that water is leaking and the wall is separating between the Main Building and the Meeting Room.

PJ LaMothe reported that she had a call to a rental residence @ 621 Whitney Road where she discovered water flowing into the walls and electrical boxes. She also observed stress cracks in the walls from the snow load. She ordered the family (2 adults and 1 child) to vacate the structure within the hour and will post a RSA 153 & RSA 154 notice on the building to prevent any entry. She had Eversource remove the electrical meter and Roy Brothers disconnected the gas line. The Renters have moved to an Uncle's home for the present time. Jim Coffey relayed that he had a call from the renter this afternoon.

#### TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2015
3. Minutes of Library Grant Hearing (Two Copies)
4. Non-Public Minutes for Personnel Matter
5. Non-Public Minutes for pending legal matter
6. Non-Public Minutes to discuss delinquent taxes
7. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber, 422/007
8. Re-appointment of Geoffrey Jones to the Conservation Commission
9. Application for Use of Town Hall, Pride/Smith Wedding – an insurance policy, naming the Town as loss payee was also provided.
10. Application for Use of Town Hall, Huber, Baby Shower
11. Application for Use of Town Hall, Carol Clark, Indoor Yard & Craft sale to benefit Stoddard Congregational Church

All the above were signed with John Halter moving and Arnie Stymest seconding to waive the rental and deposit fees for the Church Yard & Craft Sale, the board approved.

#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Copy of Filings by Attorney Spear relative to Aten Road -
2. Discuss items in the Conservation Commission minutes of January 21, 2015.
3. Correspondence from Compliance Officer to Attorney Gavin
4. Library Addition – Angel Nicoletti asked who should be the Owner's designee for the project. John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to appoint Gordon Garnett as Clerk of the Works, pro bono, the board approved with Jim Coffey to handle the financial end of the project and serve as the Owner's designee.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review 2015 Budget and Town Meeting Time Line and Goals
2. DOT Municipal Bridge Red List, we are not on it!!
3. NH DOT 2015 Resurfacing Program, will shim 1.5 miles of Route 123 South between Bailey Brook Road and Route 9
4. SWRPC, 10 Year (2-17-2026) Transportation Improvement Program – nothing called for in Stoddard. The board wondered when the State would decide to install safety measures near Mr. Mike's.
5. Discuss current budget with Administrator – not addressed

#### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to purchase a plaque, not the exceed

\$100, to celebrate the 57 years that Louis Clark has served as a deputy fire warden. The plaque would be presented on April 18th at Papagallos' Restaurant. The board approved.

2. Steve McGerty requested that the kick plate under the kitchen cabinets be completed and painted.

3. Steve McGerty asked if the building permit fee for a carport was lowered vs. a garage's fee. John Halter thought the issue had been taken care of a while ago. Harry Power remembered that there would be a \$50 fee for items not listed on the building permit at the present time. Steve wanted to know if a refund would be issued for those items already paid for – it was thought that it was not called for to be a retro lowering of the fee.

4. Steve McGerty suggested that a Capital Improvement Fund be established to pay for Culvert, road and Bridge repairs and or replacement. He referred to 2 5' culverts that are 40 years old and made of steel on Kings Highway. Jim Coffey will check out if they will qualify for State Bridge Aid. The board thought that the voters have repeatedly turned down putting money away for items that would not benefit the present tax payers.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 2015 School District Meeting Calendar
2. Town & School Meeting Handbook
3. School Meeting Calendar

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to adjourn at 9:09 PM, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Arnie Stymest

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John Halter

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Stephen McGerty

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5. Copy of Filings by Attorney Spear relative to Aten Road
6. Discuss items in the Conservation Commission minutes of January 21, 2015. Jim Coffey reported that the Conservation Commission wanted to have one of its members appointed as treasurer of the commission. Jim Coffey reported that he has consulted 3 legal organizations and learned that there is no legal reason for a Treasurer to be appointed for the Commission. Jim Coffey will advise the Conservation Commission that they will have to have the Board of Selectmen approve their having raffles and that any money realized would have to be remitted to the Town Treasurer. Those funds will be paid out for various items that the Conservation Commission deems appropriate.
7. Correspondence from Compliance Officer to Attorney Gavin – for information only.

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