## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

May 11, 2015

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chairman, 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 – presented building permits:

Tax Map # 113 Lot # 63 70 Chalet Drive – Brenda and Dennis Foreman for a deck – approved

Tax Map # 130 Lot # 23 1065 Route 123 North – Mark and Terri Whippie – entrance ramp and landing for handicapped access - approved

Tax Map # 111 Lot # 20 316 Fox Run Road – Robert and Karen Chagnon – install State Approved septic system CA2009099705– no design on file – will call State for a copy.

Tax Map # 408 Lot # 23 – 3331 Route 123 North – Kevin and Bonnie Brooks – addition to cellar, build house and install septic system – approved

Harry also reported that the new Transfer Station attendants were very helpful and checking stickers or registrations for town tax payers using facility – Great!

Harry also reported that he has researched the status of Richer Road – formerly called Protection Road, which was laid out in 1774 but was discontinued in 1803 according to the Charles Pierce Map. Harry found where there was a court order dated 3/11/1828 but could not find it to discover what it was about.

7:15 – PJ LaMothe – reported having 3 new members for the Fire Department: Eric Frazer and reinstating Wayne Hall. She has a third new member but is awaiting documents before bringing that person to the board for appointment. She also reported that as of 5/10/2015 @ 3:00 PM – Forest Fire Warden's orders: there is a fire ban due to the extremely dry conditions, until further notice. That includes burn permits and camp fires. When there is a class 3 or higher fire warning, the Pitcher Mountain Fire Tower is manned.

- 7:20 Linda Clark checking to make sure everything was on track for the voting tomorrow. She also reported that she has been picked for a jury trial and will not be available to have her office open on 5/21. Neither of her assistants are available to hold office hours so the office will be closed.
- 7:30 Davis Library Trustees Frankie Scofield, Donna Hamilton and Angel Nicholetti reported that they have a contract to build the addition to the library, with Ingram Construction Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$205,000. Frankie asked if they should amend the amount in the warrant article to the contract amount but the board felt it should remain at \$215,000 due to not knowing what they will find when they start tearing the building apart. The trustees did report that the \$30,000 warrant article from last year will cover the well, septic system and architect's fees. Jim Coffey will contact Irving Energy to have the LP tank moved during construction. It could be placed behind the Town Hall for the time it takes to complete construction.

8:05 - enter into a non-public session re: RSA91A-A: 3II(c)
Arnie Stymest - yes
Steve McGerty - yes
8:20 - closed non-public session

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## TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

- 1. Accounts Payable Manifest
- 2. P/R Manifest
- 3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 4-27-2015
- 4. Posting Certificate for 2015 Warrant
- 5. ZBA Appointment request for David Costin (2 year)
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All the above were signed.

## PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Discuss scope of proposal to ask from Homestead Landscaping with Administrator. Jim Coffey will meet with Homestead Landscaping on May 22 @ 2:00 to learn what the extent of repairs to the land between the Town Hall and Gould House during water line installation last winter will cost and get an estimate on improving the walkway from the parking lot to the Town Hall.
- 2. Discuss Transfer Station Issues It was reported that everything went smoothly at the Transfer Station with new attendants and there were only 2 upset people, who were visited by David Vaillancourt. Everyone else cooperated.
- 3. Correspondence between Attorney Spear and Attorney Hayes regarding interpretation of the recent Court order for Aten Road. Jim Coffey reported that the only concerns on the recent court decision was that former owners along Aten Road would be held responsible for past maintenance to the road. That was not a concern of the Town. Also RSA 674:41f – building permits will be allowed on Aten Road in the existing subdivision. Jim also reported that Atty. Spear will file an appeal on the denial for Legal Fee reimbursement due to the Aten Road Law Suit. The Town feels it did not err in enforcing the court agreement of 1986.
- 4. Motion filed by Attorney Spear to recover attorney's charges paid by Town defending the existing Aten Road agreement.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bob Curnutte do you want him to remove the junk that was in front of the Library Mail Box holders – pushed into the woods on Meng Chi's land? Approval was given to remove this debris.
- 2. Bob Curnutte do you want him to remove damaged bench that is by the mail boxes in front of the memorial garden? Arnie thought this belonged to the Garden Club and they were meeting on Wednesday. It was ascertained that it was not the Garden Club's bench and approval to remove was given on Wednesday.
- 3. Discuss with Administrator applying for LCIP Grant for Town Hall access. Jim Coffey

- reported that he is exploring a LCIP grant to fund restoration of the front steps on the Town Hall, rebuilding the handicapped ramp and refinishing the stage floor, among other things that might qualify.
- 4. Discuss with Administrator possible attempt to sell land that has not been subdivided. Jim Coffey reported that he had been contacted about a couple lots on Whitney Road that were on a subdivision application that was never heard by the Planning Board. Jim cautioned the enquirer that they were not lots of record.

## **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

- 1. Steve McGerty made a motion to take \$300 from each Selectman's pay to fund purchasing replacement flags and poles for the PSNH pole display. If there was money left at the end of the year, in the budget, the Selectmen would be reimbursed. The old ones are frayed and the poles are broken or in bad shape. Arnie Stymest wanted to wait until John Halter was present to decide on the motion. After a heated exchange, there was no second to the motion.
- 2. Steve McGerty reported that David Vaillancourt had told him of damage to a culvert on Richer Road that was done during a recent logging operation. Jim Coffey will contact the logger, Adam Lyon, for repairs.

## OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. DRA Total Equalized Value, Including Utility. Jim Coffey reported that the entire value of the Town is \$253,778,203.00.
- 2. Tax Collector Notice of final billing for 2015
- 3. BTLA-A9, Brotherhood of Hope-needs acceptance Jim Coffey recommended accepting it even though it was submitted late. The board agreed.
- 4. BTLA-A9, Stoddard Congregational Church-needs acceptance Jim Coffey recommended accepting it even though it was submitted late. The board agreed.
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ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 8:50, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:			
Patricia E. Putnam Administrative Assistant			
Approved:			
Arnie Stymest	John Halter	Stephen McGerty	

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