

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

August 10, 2015

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

Attendees included John Halter, Selectman Chair, Stephen McGerty and Margo Santoro, Selectpersons, James Coffey, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

7:00 Harry Power –

1. Building Permit – Tax Map # 414, Lot # 7.7 – Glenn & Tamara Webber, Center Pond Road – Garage – approved

2. Harry read his email of 8/5/2015 to Maria Gavin concerning the Holland issue. Harry also read the proposed agreement between the Town of Stoddard and Kenneth Holland Estate and Lorraine Joslyn. After discussion, the board decided to have Jim Coffey reply to Maria Gavin after Steve McGerty went by the property to check on the equipment on site.

### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

1. Steve McGerty reported that Ed. Saleski has offered to cut down the dead White Birch tree at Island Pond Beach. The Selectmen agreed to have him do the work with the Stoddard Fire Department holding up traffic, using it as a training exercise for traffic control, while the tree is being removed.

2. Steve McGerty asked that the Open Projects List he established become a part of the minutes of the August 17, 2015 meeting.

3. John Halter reported receiving a call from Joseph Marinello, Valley Road, on progress on his letter on the condition of that road. Jim Coffey said he is going to meet with Road Contractor, George Chicoine to go over the concerns.

### **TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:**

1. Accounts Payable Manifest

2. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 7/27/2015

3. Pistol/Revolver Licenses (4)

4. Intent to cut

All the above were signed.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:**

Dean Huber asked what harm the wind mills in Lempster caused. Jim Coffey gave an illustration that the agreement that the Town of Lempster entered into with the developer was hinged on the value of the wind mills and was in a depreciation of value of the equipment and due to timing and setting of the tax rate(s) led to costing the tax payers of Lempster a considerable amount.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Correspondence from Attorney Gavin – see section under Harry Power.

2. Letter from Fred Ward, Re: Antrim Wind Project – Fred Ward is asking that the Selectmen take an active role in the Antrim Wind discussion. Margo Santoro reported her visit with Fred Ward taught her that the wind towers would be over 500' tall and could be seen from Granite Lake. She felt the Selectmen should get involved. Jim Coffey suggested that since he is meeting with Atty. Matt Serge on Tuesday, he will ask him for his thoughts on the issue of the Town or Selectmen becoming active participants in opposing the Antrim Wind Project as Mr. Ward is suggesting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Placement of Richard Whitney Print in Town Hall – the Board decided to place the print on the wall outside the Town Clerk's office. Jim Coffey will write a thank you letter for the Selectmen to sign at the next board meeting.
2. Email from Karen Bell – Karen Bell, on behalf of an elderly relative that has some problems, gave notice of intent to repurchase a recently tax deeded property. Jim Coffey explained that the former owner, or lien holder, has a three year window to repurchase tax deeded property. He went on to explain the process which also include a 15% penalty that can be imposed in addition to all past due taxes, interest and other costs as part of the repurchase. During the discussion, Jim Coffey suggested that the 15% penalty be abated due to some extenuation circumstances which included the owner's advanced age and health. He went on to explain that the former owner would still be paying all the past due taxes, interest and other fees and the Town would be fully paid. It was also suggested to remove the additional penalty in exchange for a quick repurchase by the former owner. During the discussion Jim Coffey also explained that, should the Town sell the property within three years of the deeding, the former owner would receive all monies collected above the past dues taxes, interest and actual sale cost. There would not be a 15% fee retained by the Town. For the property in question, the 15% penalty would be about \$32,000. After a brief discussion it was decided, by the Board, to impose a reduced penalty of 5%, to be added to the accrued taxes, interest, penalties and fees, which is good for 30 days.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Correspondence to Selectman McGerty from Court Appointed Special Advocates was briefly discussed but no further action will be taken.
2. Letter from an abutting property owner to Department of Environmental Services commenting on a septic system application at 62 Zinns Road. Jim Coffey noted that the Town has nothing to act upon as it is in the hands of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.
3. Water testing, DES, Two Reports

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and Margo Santoro seconded to adjourn at 8:31 PM, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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John Halter

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Stephen McGerty

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Margo Santoro

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