

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2013

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

STODDARD, NH

MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendees included Selectman Arnie Stymest, Selectman & Compliance Officer Harry Power, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Sandy Holland to take and prepare minutes. Arnie Stymest was asked to chair the meeting in John Halter's absence.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 Harry Power – no building permits to submit.

7:15 P. J. Lamothe – Requested to add an Article to the Warrant for \$14,000 to rebuild Engine I pump. The Darling Pump is 17 years old and requires more work to rebuild than non-Darling Pumps. Also requested was an Article for Extraction Equipment, a \$26.5K capital improvement purchase.

7:30 Representing the Granite Lake Association were Sally Ripley, Phil Hamilton, Angel Nicoletti and Tom Newcomb. Phil Hamilton presented a proposed article regarding mediation of ongoing drainage issues. He clarified that the dollar amount requested is arbitrary dependent upon the results/recommendations of the SVE study the GLA is paying to have done. Jim Coffey read the proposed article and suggested including verbiage to make the article non-lapsing for a period of two to three years so that money will be available for sufficient time to get all the work done. Tom Newcomb wanted to ensure that the article states the study to be done by SVE is a professional study. Donna Hamilton presented the library's budget. Jim Coffey suggested that it might be time to

include a modest Warrant Article for a study/plan to make a small addition to the library to include running water, septic, and heated bathroom. The library is the only remaining town building without indoor plumbing.

Harry Power was in receipt of a letter from the State Fire Marshal, Tom Humphreys. The letter stated that without the completion of several items, including fireproofing the fourth wall of the furnace room, blocking egress from the stage to the furnace room, and making a correction to outdoor emergency lighting, the public assembly permit would be void in April. Harry and Jim discussed that a good faith effort has been made to complete all items, but money fell short. It is assumed that the necessary funding to complete the items will be received in May. Jim said that he would request Mr. Humphreys to attend the March 25th BOS meeting for further discussion.

Arlene DiCorcia was present with complaints: 1) that she was on the agenda for the March 11th meeting and did not get a call that the meeting was postponed and thought that very rude; and 2) in reading prior minutes she noted that Harry Power was reported to have said that Ken Holland had his ~~truck~~ heavy equipment parked at his mom's (L. Joslyn). Harry said that the entire town is zoned residential, and heavy equipment is not residential use. Arlene wished to know what proof Harry had taken to the attorney. He stated that it was his personal observation.

Amy Rokoszak said she had a Right to Know request that she wanted the response to in two weeks, regarding all legal fees, mileage and hourly compensation expended in the Ken Holland legal case. She complained that Mr. Holland is being discriminated against when others, namely Joe Sarcione and Mike Hayes, are not being legally pursued for similar activities. Amy acknowledged that she was on the Planning Board when Mike Hayes' site plan review was approved. Once approved, the Planning Board would have to request further action for noncompliance.

Amy wanted to know how many driveway permits there were for the Sarcione property. Harry stated that he had provided ROW from a private road to that property. If there was other ingress/egress being used, it should be noted in writing so that it can be investigated.

Also requested was the amount spent on the AT&T Cell Tower legal case.

Mr. Coffey indicated that he could supply all the raw data (documents) as to legal fees, etc., inasmuch as they are clearly marked (some invoices from the attorney could contain amounts for more than one legal service), and that Ms. Rokoszak could compile or copy them as desired. He could not, however, review all the documents and compile a report as was requested.

Ms. Rokoszak's final point was that there is no consistency in the Town, that there is not equal

treatment for all people. She feels that the Selectmen sidestep their duties and responsibilities, and put the onus back onto townspeople, putting them and their families in harm's way.

APPROVED and SIGNED were

1. Minutes of February 25, 2013
2. Minutes of March 4, 2013
3. Payroll
4. Tentative Approval for Island Pond Association's use of Town Hall for August 3, 2013 at 5 PM, Annual Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2013 – 2014 Budget Books were presented and explained to the Selectmen. Most of the budgets have been submitted and/or completed. The remainder should be available by next meeting.
2. Arnie Stymest moved and Harry Power seconded to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan, following an open hearing without comment or question. Arnie noted that the Plan is in the public domain.

ADJOURN

Arnie Stymest moved and Harry Power seconded to adjourn at 8:50 pm, the board approved.

Respectfully,

Sandy Holland

APPROVED

John Halter, Chair

Arnold Stymest

Harry Power