

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 1-13-2014

Submitted by stoddard on Tue, 01/14/2014 - 9:40pm.

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January 13, 2014

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman Chairman, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Dean Huber was also in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Curt Taylor - appointment to ZBA as an alternate. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to appoint Curt Taylor to the ZBA as an Alternate, the board approved. Paperwork will be filled out, signed and Mr. Taylor will be notified to go to the Town Clerk to be sworn in.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Revolver License
3. Minutes of December 30
4. Friends of the Davis Library, Use of Town Hall January 24.
5. Veteran's Tax Credit
6. Application for Elderly Exemption
7. Solid Waste Agreement with the City of Keene - for next year's budget. Arnie Stymest moved and Steve McGerty seconded to appoint Jim Coffey to sign the document, the board approved.

All the above items were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Water Filtering for Gould House - a discussion was held on the appropriate way to filter iron from the water at the Gould House and the Town Hall. Jim Coffey will take a water sample to be tested on Wednesday and report back to the board. There was some thought that the two buildings could use one well, the Gould House one is less rusty, with some filtration system to alleviate the rust problem in both buildings.
2. Discuss Town Hall Renovations-Friday Walk Through Jan 17
3. Discuss Fred Ward's Coming Meeting on January 27
4. Correspondence from Harry Power to Kevin Winship including Building Permit and Class VI Road Agreement - the board reviewed the agreement and signed the building permit.

5. Discuss Perrin's LUCT - Jim Coffey informed the board that Mr. Perrin's Land Use Change Tax can not be levied due to the former Board of Selectmen waiving the removal of a portion of the property from Current Use at the time of the building permit's issuance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PLT Annual Report
2. Notice of Supreme Court Decision regarding the Property & Liability Insurance Trust - Jim Coffey informed the board that the courts have ordered the Trust to turn over all assets to the Health Trust. The order includes refunding participating towns for overcharges for Health Insurance. The Town of Stoddard does not participate in the Health Insurance Program, as it does not have any full time employees.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Arnie Stymest asked if the letter has been sent to the School Board requesting they change the night of their meetings to allow the Selectmen to attend. Jim Coffey has not sent the letter and will call the SAU office to discuss the problem.

2. Arnie Stymest stated that no one Selectman should be disciplining an employee. The

entire Board should be involved in any discussion or action.

3. Steve McGerty asked about any policy regarding weather issues. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to establish a policy that if there is no school the town offices will be closed, the board approved.

4. Steve McGerty asked if Linda Clark's Town Clerk salary is the same as Joan Read was drawing. It wasn't known. Jim Coffey reported that he has researched the issue with the LGC and the Town Meeting voted a lump sum for General Municipal Operations, not specifically what the Town Clerk's salary is to be.

5. Steve McGerty asked about the security window modifications. Linda Clerk has reported, with the new heater in the customer area, the customers and clerks cannot hear each other.

6. Dean Huber reported that a tarp has not been placed on the pile of sand at the Island Pond Beach and that is causing the sand to freeze. The Selectmen asked Jim Coffey to let David Vaillancourt know that a tarp should be put into place. Jim Coffey will email David Vaillancourt asking that a tarp be put over the pile of sand.

7. Steve McGerty suggested that all the security lights on the exterior of the Town Hall and Gould House be changed to dusk to dawn LED lights, the board agreed.

8. It was noted that David Galluccio, our computer expert, is able to acquire a small refrigerator, from the college, for no cost and will get one for the Town Clerk's office. At that time, the large refrigerator will be cleaned out, unplugged and propped open until any organization needs it while using the Town Hall.

9. The Historical Society will be contacted to learn if the piano, on the stage in the Town Hall, has any significance. If not, the Selectmen agree that it should be removed.

10. Arnie Stymest reported that David Vaillancourt had to sand the Transfer Station property due to icy conditions on Sunday.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: None

OTHER BUSINESS: 8:20 PM - The board went into Executive Session (RSA91A: 3 II (a)) at the request of Fire Chief, PJ LaMothe - to discuss a personnel issue:

John Halter - yes

Arnie Stymest - yes

Steve McGerty - yes

The board adjourned the Executive Session at 8:31 PM with no decision made, Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 8:33 PM, the board agreed.

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

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