

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2011

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

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The meeting opened at 7:08 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDEES: Chairman Holland, Selectman Stymest, Selectman Halter, Harry Power, Patricia Putnam, Dennis Pellegrino, Carole Briere, Richard Briere, Lou GrandPre' and Jim Coffey.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:

7:01 p.m. Harry Power, Compliance Officer: Mr. Power presented the Board with building permits for Ronald Morrison for a dormer at Tax Map 103, Lot 44; and for Michael Connolly and Brie Goolbis at 84 Zinns Road to enclose a screen room. The Board approved the permits

Mr. Power went on to state that he wrote a letter to Scanlon on February 21 about a deck that was within 50 feet of the water. He stated that the owner stated that they were replacing a deck but the tax card does not show one.

The next item was the case of Willard vs. Jennison. Mr. Power stated that he has spoken with Mr. Willard's lawyer who told him the matter might be appealed to the Supreme Court. He reminded the Board that the District Court judge has ruled that the property is in fact a junkyard and that Mr. Jennison is a squatter. He informed the Board that this matter should be sent to Attorney Beth Fernald and the Board concurred. Chairman Holland commented that it is better for us to be proactive.

The subject of fees was briefly discussed and Mr. Power suggested that the Board consider changing the penalty to **up to** \$250 per day from the mandatory \$50 per day. This would allow for more flexibility. The Board tentatively approved the new fees Harry Power previously proposed, subject to passage of a zoning amendment and the proper hearings.

The last item mentioned were the recent rule changes regarding subsurface sewer system, and their repairs. A copy of the DES change was read.

7:20 p.m. Carol Clark asked if the Preservation Committee could start a fund raiser by running a coffee shop in the town hall on Saturday mornings from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m., from Memorial Day until Labor Day. There would be one exception, which would be July 9. Community Day will probably

replace this when Olde Home Day was scheduled. This day will feature numerous events on the same day. Selectman Halter commented that he was delighted with the idea. It was suggested that the Town would provide water for the coffee.

Mrs. Clark asked about the changes to the town hall article at the Budget Hearing. She wanted to know if in doing the study proposed, we would be using prior plans from previous years. Chairman Holland stated that this would provide us with a strategy and proposals for the future. It was agreed that all information would be used.

The last item Mrs. Clark mentioned was that "Roadside Cleanup" will be on May 7. They will be cleaning up Route 123 North, and will meet at 9 a.m. at Arnie Stymest's house.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed a recent problem involving the sale of two adjacent properties by a single owner to two unrelated purchasers. It was found that during the closings the tax payments were not completely clear, leaving a purchaser with a \$374.47 balance who had been informed the taxes were paid. The problem was created by not having a payment applied to where it was intended, but to the oldest. Applying a payment to oldest part of the outstanding is the normal procedure unless directed otherwise. After a discussion Selectman Stymest, seconded by Chairman Holland moved to abate the \$374.47 charge. The Board voted 2-1 to approve the abatement.

The Board reviewed the NH DOT Information Report and the Administrator will complete it at the conclusion of the annual town meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Jim Coffey suggested contacting the Fire Department about the disposition of the old forestry truck. He stated that the new truck is on line and covered on our insurance. Chief Lamothe will be contacted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Items in the agenda were reviewed.

At 7:53 P.M., Selectman Stymest moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Holland. The motion was approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

James Coffey, Administrator

Approved

Sandra L. Holland, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Arnold Stymest

John D. Halter