

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2012

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chair, John Halter, Selectman, Louis GrandPre', Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several attended the meeting as on lookers.

Prior to the beginning of appointments Arnie Stymest read an email that John Halter sent to David Marcoux, manager of the Transfer Station for Waste Management:

Included in the email were derogatory references to Arnie Stymest. Arnie announced that he would be visiting the Keene State College President because the email was sent on Keene State College site. Following the reading of the email, John Halter apologized to Arnie. Marcia Kayser thanked John for his apology. Ginger Saleski told of feeling torn apart with the dissention in town. Carol Clark said the oath taken as a town official calls for independent thinking and decision-making. She said she was so sick of the bullying among town officials and called for Louis GrandPre' and John Halter to resign. She also said there is too much fighting in town and that keeps people divided. She felt that the taxpayers should be deciding on how to upgrade and repair the town hall. She also called for an outside group, like Plan NH, to run a meeting to clear the air. Amy Rokoszak agreed with Carol and said she felt Louis GrandPre' controls all John Halter's actions and decisions. She said shame on them. Mike Oldershaw said it is time to establish term limits and suggested 2 terms and then step down. Arnie Stymest said his intent is to get the Town Hall repairs up and running. Noreen Durand announced that she was not a resident of town but owned several parcels and was so disgusted that she was considering listing her properties and discontinuing any association with Stoddard.

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 Harry Power - presented a building permit for locating 2 travel trailers on Joanne Maxwell's property on Stoddard Beach Road. The plan is to have the trailers be used seasonally and that the Henniker Septic Services would provide septic removal for her. There seems to be a well on the property but Harry advises that the building permit should indicate for seasonal use only with no water to be piped into either trailer. If a septic system is eventually installed, then the septic service would no longer be needed and the trailers could be hooked up to a water supply.

7:20 Amy Rokoszak - was before the board again, as John Halter was not at the last meeting. She announced that she has lost a sale of her house because the prospective buyer went on line to the Town's web site and discovered the complaints lodged by Amy, against the Clark property use, not being resolved by the Selectmen. She, again, said she didn't want to institute any litigation but would if there was no enforcement of the regulations that are in place for commercial enterprises. She maintained that the property has had expanded use, including wood cutting, location of construction equipment, including a box trailer, to the extent that she fears the runoff of water may be polluting the wetlands. She is asking the Selectmen to go to the ZBA for a determination and then on to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review.

John Halter's understanding is the parcel is only in the rural district with a commercial operation. That has not changed in use significantly. Amy Rokoszak said the changes are dramatic. A Real Estate agent asked, when visiting Amy's parcel, what about the Dump at the end of the road.

John Halter moved and Louis GrandPre' seconded to write a letter that they did not believe the change in use was expanded. The letter will be written tonight and then Amy can go to the ZBA to appeal their decision. Arnie Stymest was not in favor of the decision and did not sign the letter.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS:

Steve Rockwell presented a letter to be signed by the Selectmen to allow a parade for the Olde Home Days, to be held 7/28/2012. Louis GrandPre' moved and John Halter seconded to approve, the board agreed.

David Vaillancourt requested permission to pour a cement slab to locate his storage shed, behind the

Police Station, for dry storage. The price is \$1200, which he can cover in his budget. The board approved the expense.

Barbara Rockwell has asked to have a travel trailer located on Steve Rockwell's land for 3 months so her niece can vacation here. The board approved the placing of a registered travel trailer there.

Carole Briere read a letter from the Garden Club for placing a lovely picture of the Memorial Garden, taken by Stacy Easton, as the front cover of the Town Report.

Harry Power, referring to the Gould House letter from George Davenport, said the LGC advised the Selectmen cannot usurp the State regulations but has to provide Life Safety & Fire Code conformance. The Selectmen cannot force Zoning Regulations or Site Plan Review on Governmental Buildings. Jim Coffey explained that the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment could, in theory, hold up the Town Meeting's wishes, if the board wished to slow progress approved at any Town Meeting. It was also pointed out that the Fire Department did not apply for a building permit to construct the addition that was to hold the Fire Department Rescue Boat.

Louis GrandPre' said he held one end of the measuring tape while the state made sure that the addition was outside the wetland's area.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Minutes of April 30, 2012
2. Accounts Payable Manifest
3. Payroll Change Request for Jesse Pollock to care for Old Dow Cemetery
4. Request from Gwenneth Hogg for use of Town Hall on May 26, 2012, for a reception after the memorial service for her late husband.

All items were signed with the board waiving the fee for Mrs. Hogg to hold the reception in the Town Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss actual dollar amounts needed for Articles 2 & 3 - Article 3 seems to be in the area of \$1.2 million or \$1.15/6 million without air conditioning, and Article 2 comes in at around \$765,000. Steve McGerty proposed \$1.4 million to take into consideration overages.

(Scully's computation = Phase 1 - MacMillin - \$765,000; Baybutt - \$777,600 with full basement. For air conditioning and heat - add \$84,000. For phase 2 - add \$330,512 to either bid to come in at \$1.2

million.)

Carole Briere wanted to know why the bids are higher than expected. She thought people in town could do some of the work to save money. She also suggested that we take the \$765,000 and work on the building and see how far the work can progress for that amount.

Mike Oldershaw wanted to know why Mr. Scully's forecasts were so low in the designing period and felt something was wrong to have the bids jump up so high.

Carol Clark wanted to know why the bids jumped so high and asked the board to go back to the original plans and get bids on them.

Harry Power said the Selectmen have \$145,000 in for Article 4, from Land Contractors, and Louis GrandPre' said it might be upped to \$150, 000 - \$165,000. He would have a final figure by Town Meeting. Dan Scully has agreed to attend the Town Meeting to answer questions from the floor.

2. Discuss office transition expenses - a double room trailer would cost \$20,000 per year plus moving it in and hooking it up to water, sewer and phone lines which could cost an additional \$15,000.

3. Gould House fire inspection report - PJ LaMothe and Joe Sarcione reviewed the Fire Marshall's letter, noting that a lot of the work could be done now, requiring fire extinguishers being inspected and logged every month. She said she would be checking the logs. Patricia Putnam stated that she has been doing exactly that since it was brought to the Selectmen's attention that requirement was not being followed. PJ then informed the board that, for every day that the building is opened to the public, the exit doors must be checked to make sure they work and a log must be kept on the inspection. The same is required for the Gould House. A calendar logbook has been posted on the front door of the Town Hall.

The Fire Marshall has said that if a 1hour fire rated ceiling was installed between the cellar and first floor of the Gould House and between the boiler and balance of the basement space, more storage would be allowed in the area.

PJ also requested that the Board contact the 4H club to have all their items cleaned up. PJ reported that the items are all water logged and moldy.

4. DES acceptance of the Town Hall replacement septic system application - was noted

5. Town Hall Fire Inspection Report - it is thought that the Scully design plans have taken into consideration all the inspection concerns.
6. Gould House monthly use - door checking and a log have been made available.
7. Phase I cost breakdown from bidders - taken into consideration under # 1 above.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Correspondence from NH DRA showing the total equalized valuation for Stoddard. So noted
2. Request from OEP for completion of their Dwelling Unit Response Form - was turned over to Harry Power for completion.
3. Copy of letter from Jim Coffey to Primex requesting a change in the Workers' Comp billing cycle from January to July, to follow the Town's fiscal year, approved
4. Department of Labor letter dated May 2, 2012 listing deficiencies, also cover sheet for fax to Primex. Phil St Cyr, from Primex, will assist the town in completing this report, as he is familiar with it - the board agreed.
5. Drawings and pricing for Phase II. - see Old Business.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. Motion to Intervene by Stoddard Conservation Commission, application of Antrim Wind LLC for an energy facility to be located in Antrim
2. SWRPC Natural Resources Advisory Committee education session for lakes and rivers.
3. May 1, 2012 Planning Board Minutes

No action was taken on these items.

ADJOURN

John Halter moved and Louis GrandPre' seconded to adjourn at 8:50 pm, the board approved.

Respectfully,

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

APPROVED

Arnold Stymest

John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

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