

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTE OF MAY 23, 2011**

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Selectman Stymest opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M with the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:00 P.M.

The Board welcomed Mr. Lou GrandPre' to the Board.

The meeting opened with the selection of the Chairman for the ensuing year. Selectman Halter stated that it was customary to have the selectman in the third year of their term serve as chair. After a brief discussion Selectman Halter, seconded by Selectman GrandPre' moved to elect Selectman Stymest as chairman. The motion passed 3-0.

7:07 P.M.

Compliance Officer Harry Power brought the Board up to date regarding ZBA approval of a deck that fell within 50 feet of a conservation area. Selectman GrandPre' questioned a statement by Mr. Power that he served on a Board with Jim Darcey. It was later verified that Mr. Grandpre' and Mr. Darcy never served together on a Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Power mentioned that he had checked into the property on Boulder Road that the Town of Sullivan had question. After visiting the property he stated that all the buildings were legal. Mr. Power also mentioned that he is selling land next to the library. Selectman Halter also mentioned a Granite Lake property that has a manure pile.

7:15 P.M.

The road maintenance bids were opened. Selectman Halter will prepare a summary spreadsheet for the Board to review. No selection of a contractor was made, and the subject will be addressed at a later time.

Bid Summary is as follows:

Part A	Part B	Part C	Total Mtce.		
Wilder		\$1,250	\$40,000	\$60,400	\$101,650

Vaillancourt	0	\$15,000	\$45,000	\$60,000
J&S Cordwood	\$1,200	\$14,500	\$47,500	\$63,200

Other items, including rates for project, will need to be analyzed.

It was stated that June 6, will be the award date for the bids.

7:30 P.M. Terry McMahon and Bob Fee met to discuss the process to define procedures whereby various Boards and Committees can work in concert with each other. Terry suggested that the CIP become part of the budget discussion. A discussion ensued during which Terry McMahon used the Town Hall as an example of what happened at Town Meeting.

Chairman Stymest mentioned the \$40,000 article..

Terry McMahon stated that we do not have direction as to what our needs are. Friends of the Library, and Library Trustees did not look at what is happening.

Selectman GrandPre' commented that the Building Committee has not yet been established, will take 2-3 weeks. We will need to sit down with all groups, CIP, Building Committee, Finance Committee Selectmen and Planning Board.

Terry McMahon, Lou has said what I came to say.

Bob Fee commented on the importance of the CIP tool. He also stated the need to show the tax impact [of a project or capital expense] which the citizens want to see.

Chairman Stymest stated the the CIP is a guideline which can change from year to year.

Terry McMahon expanded on the previous statement and concurred that the CIP was not a fixed expense.

Selectman Halter suggested listing the things we should be talking about, not just one slice at a time.

Terry McMahon said we should all share information.

Chairman Stymest asked Terry McMahon, "How do you want us to proceed?"

Terry McMahon suggested bringing everyone together and setting a deadline.

Selectman GrandPre' suggested putting a committee together in mid June. It was agreed that the Building Committee needs to be in place.

Selectman Halter will chek into the Finance Committee.

Carole Briere asked about meeting being public. Selectman Halter stated that all meetings are public.

7:50 P.M.

Mary Lou Stymest, representing the Cemetery Committee, came in to discuss a large marble headstone that had been knocked off it's base. The stone will need to be remounted and secured to the base. Selectman Halter moved, seconded by Selectman Grandpre' to authorize Mary Lou Stymest to have the stone repaired. The motion passed 3-0.

8:03 Open Session

Mark Seaverns, 1030 Shedd Hill Road came in to complain about a culvert near his home. After a discussion Selectman GrandPre' agreed to look at the culvert. He will meet Mr. Seaverns at the store at 9:00 A.M the following morning.

The following items were approved.

1. MS-2 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted
2. Accounts Payable Manifest
3. Application to Use Town Hall for Town Hall Cafe
4. Letter from CC & BOS to Sweetwater Trust
5. Minutes of May 16, 2011

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Coffey mentioned that the elimination of the audit from the budget at Town Meeting means that the MS-5, Financial Report, that has been done by an auditing firm for a number of years will have to be funded from another line in the budget

At the request of the Conservation Commission, the Board appointed Geoffrey Jones, Scott Semmens, Paul Crosby and Matthew Wheeler to the Conservation Commission. Motion by Selectman Halter, seconded by Selectman GrandPre' and was approved 3-0. Terms will be two three year terms, one two year term and one one year term.

Geoff Jones asked about using Attorney Sam Bradley for the Sweet Water Trust land gift. The Board agreed. All costs will be covered by the Trust.

The Board decided to rotate the Selectman assigned to the Planning Board. This was approved 3-0, after a motion by Selectman Halter and a second by Selectman GrandPre' was made.

OLD BUSINESS:

The use of the Town Hall for a Saturday morning cafe was discussed. Proceeds will go toward a Town Hall restoration fund.

Harry Power mentioned that the Willard case is at the Supreme Court.

At 8:15 Selectman Halter, moved to adjourn, seconded Selectman GrandPre' and the motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted

James Coffey, Administrator

Approved

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Arnold Stymest

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John D. Halter

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Louis GrandPre'

Board of Selectmen