

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2012

Submitted by stoddard on Wed, 01/25/2012 - 7:12pm.

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Chair of Board of Selectmen, Louis GrandPre' Selectmen, Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant, Ed Saleski, Carole and Richard Briere, George Davenport, PJ LaMothe and Joe Sarcione. John Halter and Jim Coffey were absent due to road conditions.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS'

P J LaMothe, Fire Chief and Joe Sarcione, Deputy Fire Chief met with the board concerning life safety issues at the Gould House. The clarified that a fire rated cabinet could be used for storage but would be very expensive. As for storage in the basement, that would be allowed if a fire rated ceiling/divider were installed. Storage on the first floor would be allowed but it would have to be neat - not just piled on the floor and any space used for storage would reduce the occupancy load by that area being used for storage. PJ also said emergency lighting for interior and exterior would be required. Ed Saleski noted that there is a light switch which, when engaged, allows for lighting outside on the handicapped ramp and beyond. PJ asked how long the light remains on and Ed said for at least 15 minutes. PJ said, in an electrical outage, the light must remain on for at least 1.5 hours.

PJ then turned her attention to the Selectmen, stating that she would only report to them and not to any other board considering life safety issues. She objected to the treatment she has received over the past couple meetings. She requested she be placed on the agenda if she is required to meet with the board and that she be notified of the placement. She also said she was considering a suit against the town for harassment due to the

treatment she has been subjected to.

Daniel Eaton met with the board concerning the SWNH Mutual Aid situation. He gave a brief history of the organization reflecting that his father was one of the founding directors to the Mutual Aid and that Daniel has served on that board of directors for many years. He reported that the County has treated Mutual Aid as a vendor instead of a department under the County. He reflected that the County Commissioners had decided that the Mutual Aid should be separated from the County budget and stand on it's own. He also doubted that the County Budget would be reduced by the amount that was formerly included to run Mutual Aid.

San also suggested that the Mutual Aid be added to the Town budget as a department under the Emergency Management section. He advised against presenting a separate warrant article because, if the article were not supported, Mutual Aid would not be able to respond to emergencies in Town. He and PJ agreed that there really isn't any other financially reasonable option. Some towns have researched having their own dispatch center and haven't found any option that is affordable, remembering that highly trained staff must man the office 24/7 and must remain calm under emergency conditions. Dan also reflected that when TV went digital, it freed up a D Block of bandwidth that is being allocated to Emergency Management teams. PJ noted, when radios went digital, they became much more useful due to larger areas being within reception of the Fire/Rescue personnel's equipment.

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2. A/P Manifest
3. 2 Pistol Permits – Brian Branon & Elizabeth Bodge
4. Intent to Cut – Tim Phelps @ Tax Map 414, Lot 265
5. Payroll Authorization – Chris Wells – new fire fighter
6. Intent to Cut – Tracy Turcotte @ Tax Map 423, Lot 05.3

All items were signed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter from George Davenport concerning use of Gould House
After a heated discussion, the board decided to address the issue when the entire board was present. George Davenport rose to a point of order saying that the two selectmen present constituted a quorum that has the ability to handle issues before the board. He wanted his letter considered. Louis GrandPre' told George that he agreed completely with the contents of his letter but the members present constituted opposing factions and he felt it prudent to wait for the full board.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Notice of pending Mortgage's Sale on real estate in Stoddard**
- 2. SWRPC Commission Highlights**
- 3. Update from Vachon Clukay & Company on Audit**

OTHER ITEMS

None

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Arnold Stymest

John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

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AGENDA

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APPOINTMENTS

7:00 Daniel Eaton – re: South West Mutual Aid

7:15 PJ LaMothe - life safety issues @ Gould House

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