

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 6-9-2014

Submitted by stoddard on Fri, 06/13/2014 - 11:17am.

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June 9, 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, Harry Power, Compliance Officer, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several attended the meeting as on lookers.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power - Tax Map # 415, Lot # 28 - Building Permit application from Nicole

Faulkner to construct a Yurt - approved

Tax Map # 408, Lot # 18 - Warren Mooney 3rd - letter to clean up his junk and

Harry will check back on July 15th for compliance.

Tax Map # 415, Lot # 12 - Winship - Harry and Jim Coffey visited the property and discovered that he is in compliance now.

Tax Map # 415, Lot # 13 - Robert Perrin - His land is in Current Use and the

Building that was there has been removed and his port-a-potty facility has been

screened in per the RSA making his property in compliance now.

John Halter presented a letter from Phil Hamilton stating that the material on Aten

Road consisted of 25 tons of 3" crushed stone

25 tons of 1.5" crushed stone

4 14-yard loads of 1.5" ledge pack - gray in color, vs. the brown gravel that the town uses.

7:15 - June Congdon - drainage problems off Shedd Hill Road - presented a slide show of the damage to drainage ditches on Congdon Road from heavy water, running down Shedd Hill Road, creates when there is a very heavy rain event. She reported that the damage started after Shedd Hill Road was re-paved a few years ago. June Congdon asked for the Town to correct the situation to prevent further damage to her ditches and road. David Vaillancourt said he didn't know if shimming the hill would correct the problem or if the asphalt would have to be ground up and re-laid. David said the constant wheel wear on Shedd Hill Road has created wheel tracks that cause the water to flow where it does now. Steve McGerty asked David to contact Lane Construction to have them survey the situation and submit suggestions for a remedy and to have them also submit a quote to repair. The board seemed to be in agreement with that request.

7:30 - Donall Healy, Use of Aten Road Property, Zoning Concerns from Minutes - Mr. Healy asked how the information came to the Town's attention. Jim Coffey explained where the complaint came from. Arnie Stymest reported it to Jim Coffey when he discovered the Lakefalls Lodge ad on the internet, advertising function facilities, with an opportunity for fire works displays, if the renters so wished. Mr. Healy found it strange that no one from the Town contacted him on these concerns. Jim Coffey did not feel it premature to contact the Town's attorney concerning the issue. Mr. Healy has received the cease and desists from the Fire Chief due to no permit for assembly for 100 people or more. Mr. Healy feels he is exempt from the permitting process. PJ LaMothe reported a conversation with Donall Healy on June 4, 2014 letting him know to the permit requirement. He is to get back to the Fire Chief by June 23rd. PJ LaMothe said she would be double-checking with the Fire Marshall on the fire works issue.

7:45 - Buzz McLaughlin, Discuss Aten Road - Mr. McLaughlin has been the road agent for Aten Road for 9 years and agreed that the past winter was the worst in his tenure and expressed concern for the comments recorded in the April 28, 2014 minutes from Harry Power on the road's condition. He did agree that the next set of minutes reported the condition of Aten Road has been corrected. Mr. McLaughlin wanted a policy on the condition of Aten Road.

Harry Power noted that when he sees anything that is not up to code, be it a road, pile of junk, poor condition of a building or deck, etc, he reported it to the Board of Selectmen.

8:00 - Ed Saleski - pictures in Town Hall, historic markers & clearing out outdated

records - Mr. Saleski requested permission to install the historical signs and buntings on the Town Hall and Gould House prior to July 4th. He also wishes to re-hang the old, historical pictures in the Town Hall that were made from really old glass negatives. John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to approve re-installment of the pictures, re-hanging the school plaster mosaic and the Boston Post Cane in the Town Hall, the board approved. Mr. Saleski also reported the Historical Society's desire to install 6 more historical signs, at old cellar holes, to indicate where old buildings were before they were removed. He noted that Donall Healy supplies the signs. The board agreed to the plan. Ed Saleski also asked about destroying old records residing in the Gould House Cellar. The board was in agreement for Mr. Saleski to purge the old records that are due to be destroyed.

Steve McGerty asked Ed if there is any historical significance to the piano on the stage in the Town Hall. Ed did not know of any. He suggested the Selectmen contact Alan Rumrill to double check on its history. Steve McGerty said Ellen Mason has expressed an interest in removing it to her house.

8:15 - Dian Mathews - town emails for all committee members - Dian Mathews reported on a NH Municipal Association workshop she attended as a Planning Board member and there learned that all committee members and employees should have a town based email address for town business. Paul Sanderson, an attorney at the NHMA told the attendees that any legal

action could require the members and employees to turn over their personal computer records if they are not using a town based email. Jim Coffey noted that he has experience creating an email server for the Town of Hillsboro and could do the same for Stoddard. However, the Town will be having a new web site and it will have room for committee members to have email addresses through it.

8:30 - Jennifer Ann Costa - complaint against an employee - She did not appear and the board declined to hear the complaint unless Mrs. Costa appears before the board.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of 5-19-2014
4. Appointment of Ginger Saleski to office of Library Trustee
5. Form MS-232, Report of Appropriations actually Voted at Town Meeting.
6. Use of Town Hall by the Island Pond Association for the Annual Meeting on August 2, 2014, from 5 to 9 PM with the fee waived.
7. DRA Form PA – 28 (inventory forms), for 2015, Recommend we stay the same as 2014.

All the above were signed.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Mr. Donall Healy concerning “Purported Zoning Violations.” - see above appointment
2. Letter to Mr. Donall Healy from Fire Chief ordering a “Cease and Desist” of operations at Lake Falls Lodge until satisfactory completion of an inspection by the State Fire Marshall and the Stoddard Fire Department. - See above appointment
3. Letter to Selectmen from Mr. McKelvey addressing problem with deck at 1036 Route 123 North. - Mr. McKelvey's letter was read into the record - indicating that he has repaired the posts and plans to continue repairs when the water level is lowered in the fall.
4. Notice of Decision, Ward v Town of Stoddard - suit dismissed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request from Historical Society to install shutters on Gould House to match Town Hall - the shutters on the Town Hall were made in Swanzey and the Historical Society wishes to install matching ones on the Gould House. John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to approve the plan with the Town's thanks, the board approved.
2. Selection of the Selectmen's Representative to Planning Board - Arnie Stymest agreed to be the board's representative to the Planning Board.
3. Fairpoint abatement request. - Noted only.
4. PSNH abatement request - Noted only
5. Payroll Authorization-Tax Collector, Elimination of Fees - approved and signed
6. Family Resource - note of a supply of guide booklets received and passed out to Town Clerk's Office and at the Gould House.
7. Selection of Chairman for ensuing year - Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to appoint Arnie Stymest as chairman of the board for the ensuing year.
8. Emergency Management Operations Plan update - Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to ask PJ LaMothe, Emergency Management Director, to work on the update, the board approved. John Halter noted that he has worked on the Plan in the past.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Harry Power asked for the minutes to clear up Phil Hamilton's concern on the condition of Aten Road. Harry said he did not criticize the materials used to fix the road but just made a statement on the condition of Aten Road. He noted that if he sees a problem he would report it to the Board of Selectmen.
2. Steve McGerty asked who paid for the plans that were at the Town Meeting on the Library - answer was that the Friends of the Library paid for them.
3. Steve McGerty asked who paid for the trees that were planted at the corners of the Gould House - Arnie Stymest said the Garden Club paid for the one on the west side of the building, in memory of Ken Hill, and the one on the east side was paid for by Pat Putnam in memory of Roscoe Putnam. Pat Putnam also noted that she would be paying for the plaque noting the gift. Steve felt the one on the west side is too close to the driveway. He wants the

driveway widen to accommodate in and out traffic at the same time.

4. Steve McGerty wanted the issue of demo material, that Craig (transfer station attendant) refused to allow to be dumped, clarified. John Halter said he was at the station when the first load was brought in without a transfer station sticker. He reported that he told Craig to allow the load to be dumped. The truck operator came back with a second load and was unloading it before Craig was free to stop the dumping. The third load was turned back. (Transfer Station Policies limit demo debris to one 1/2-ton pickup load per week)

5. Shedd Hill Road signs - what is the update - Pat Putnam reported that the signs have been received and David Vaillancourt has installed some but the posts that were ordered have not arrived and David did not have enough on hand to complete the project. The posts are in route to the Town.

6. Steve McGerty asked who supplies janitorial supplies. It was noted that the supplies come from Hamshaw Lumber as needed and the custodian picks them up in Keene.

7. Steve McGerty asked who has a key to the Town Clerk's office. Jim Coffey and Pat Putnam said they do not have one and the only one they know of is in the hands of the custodian.

8. Steve McGerty asked what the progress is in getting the Recreation Field signage up. Jim Coffey said he has not contacted the Faulkners but that the field is under a 99-year lease to the Town so their permission should not be needed. Steve McGerty had previously reported speaking to the Faulkners and that they had no problem with the field being named for a couple deceased young people.

9. Steve McGerty reported a complaint from Yoga about the tables being left up after the Planning Board meeting. Dian Mathews agreed to make sure they were put away at the end of Planning Board meetings.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

Town Hall monitoring call list - it was agreed to switch to SW Mutual Fire when the current agreement expired.

NH Civil Engineer magazine

Lyme and other tickborne diseases prevention in NH

Oath of Office list from Clerk

Highland Lake Unified Association Summer 2014 Lake Letter

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All above taken under advisement

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn @ 8:50 PM, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

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