

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2011**

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**June 13, 2011**

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

**7:00 P.M. Harry Power, Code Compliance Officer**  
**Mr. Power gave the Board a copy of a certified letter he sent to Ken Holland on Juniper Hill Road. The letter addresses violations relating to excessive numbers of junk vehicles, some of which are parked in the right of way of the road. The letter references two earlier court orders and requires a response from Mr. Holland not later than July 15, 2011.**

**Responding to a letter from the Planning Board, see Old Business, that established a new building permit fee schedule, Selectman GrandPre' asked how our building permit fees got to where we are now. Selectman GrandPre' went on to state that our fees are high, and that the numbers cannot be justified. Mr. Power suggested that we can get fee schedules from other towns. Administrator Jim Coffey informed the Board that the Planning Board must conform to RSA 41:9-a IV, which requires it to hold a public hearing after giving a seven day public notice in two public places and publication in a newspaper. After a short discussion, it was agreed to have Jim Coffey send a letter to the Planning Board Chairman informing her of the required**

**procedure.**

**Selectman GrandPre' brought up Beth Fernald, Town Attorney, who is leaving for a new job effective June 30, and what did the Board wants to do to find a replacement. Chairman Stymest suggest that it might be time to find a new law firm. The Board will look further into the matter in the near future.**

**7:22 P.M. Arlene DiCorcia met to ask about a frost heave on King's Highway, and she followed that statement with a remark about both GrandPre's double dipping. There followed a brief discussion about the frost heave. During the discussion about double dipping, Administrator Jim Coffey explained that there exists a state law that addresses the issue of incompatible offices. Mr. GrandPre' can be both a cemetery trustee and a selectmen. Arlene DiCorcia then asked about Mrs. GrandPre' being elected as an auditor. It was explained that she received unsolicited write in votes and has not "accepted" the position. It was also mentioned that auditor and trustee of trust funds would be incompatible offices. The discussion ended.**

**7:29 P.M. Linda Nichol came in to ask one more time about the parking of the truck [PJD Septic tank truck] at the Dionne residence, next door. Selectman Halter asked if the crux of the complaint was the parking of his septic truck. He agreed that the photos show the truck parked there. Selectman GrandPre' stated that if we were to agree with your complaint we would affect many people. [That bring home a work vehicle.] Ms. Nicol then said that she is asking one more time about the parking of the truck. Selectman Halter stated that the issue of the portables has stopped. Ms. Nichol then stated that the truck brings a bad smell [odor] when it is parked there. Chairman Stymest commented that he has no problem with the truck being parked there. It was decided that Ms. Nichol will get a letter within a week, and that**

**the Selectmen would visit the property after the meeting to see if they can detect any foul odor.**

**7:40 P.M. The Board opened the meeting to public comment. Matthew Wheeler said that all ordinances of Stoddard apply. Chairman Stymest replied that we do not have an ordinance that addresses the subject. Sam Kaska stated that he had a problem hearing the selectmen and suggested that they change their seating so that all of them faced the audience. Mr. Mason brought in a building permit and was assisted by Mr. Power.**

**7:50 P.M. Richard Betz came in to discuss the results of the Mooseplate Grant which funded a Town Records Preservation Project. All of the records from 1774 through 1960 have been preserved and bound, scanned into a PDF format and also put on microfilm. Mr. Betz informed the Board that he will be looking into getting the PDF format indexed and searchable. He then suggested that we place the microfilm sets on permanent loan to the Cheshire County Historical Society, since they have a reader, and we do not. The Town will retain the PDF files and get it onto the web site. [DVD copies could also be easily made.] Mr. Betz then asked if some other items found could be put on loan to the Stoddard Historical. He showed the selectmen some old law books that have historical value but would be in present use.**

**At the conclusion of the discussion Chairman Stymest, seconded by Selectman Halter moved to loan the microfilm records to the Cheshire County Historical Society. The motion was approved 3-0. This was followed by another motion made by Chairman Stymest, seconded by Selectman Halter moved to loan the old law books and other related items to the Stoddard Historical Society. The motion was approved 3-0.**

**8:00 P.M. Selectman GrandPre' commented on the proposed wage rate increases by suggesting that we should re-evaluate what we pay everyone. He cited as an example a police officer receiving \$16 per hour while a clerical position pays \$19. Chairman Stymest suggested that the Board could meet to do this. The need to compare with other communities was mentioned and Administrator Jim Coffey informed the Board that we have the latest LGC wage survey.**

**Selectman GrandPre' suggested meeting with the Sullivan Selectmen next Monday night, in Sullivan to discuss Boulder Road. It was agree to do so and a notice will be posted.**

**At 8:45 P.M. a motion was made by John Halter, seconded by Selectman GrandPre' to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 [c]. Matters affecting reputation.**

**Role call vote: Halter-yes, GrandPre'-yes and Stymest-yes.**

**SIGNED/APPROVED**

- 1. Abatements (8) See Jim Coffey**
- 2. Payroll Manifest**
- 3. Accounts Payable Manifest**
- 4. Forest Fire Bill (Was a standby for a downed power line. PSNH called 3-4 times, slow response, wire was live and "burning.")**
- 5. Appointment of Margo Santoro as an alternate to the Planning Board**
- 6. Payroll Changes for Virginia GrandPre', Assistant Town Clerk, Linda Clark, Deputy Town Clerk, Helen Wheeler, Deputy Tax Collector and Patricia Putnam, ZBA and Planning Board Secretary. These requests were approved after a discussion. See above.**
- 7. Minutes of June 6, 2011**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**The Board discussed the use of Inventories (DRA Form PA28) and the DRA's request for the coming year. After a discussion, Chairman Stymest, seconded by Selectman Halter, moved to not use the form in 2012. The vote was two for not using the form. Selectman GrandPre' abstained and the motion was passed. The Board signed the DRA form.**

**The Board discussed its representation on the Planning Board and it was agreed that each Selectman would do four months per year. Chairman Stymest will do the first four months, June through September.**

**The Board authorized Jim Coffey to work with David Vaillancourt to issue a purchase order (2010 Budget) to pave the Town Hall driveway.**

**The Board approved the recommendations by Town assessor Tammy Jamison, for the following abatement requests: Joanne Bonczar, Joan & John MacAllister, Anderson & Senna MCC Construction, Ross & Wallace, Harry & Beverly Power, Lawrence & Clare Hudon and Linda Stevenson.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**At 8:54 P.M., the Board returned to Public Session and Selectman Halter, seconded by Chairman Stymest, moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The motion passed 3-0.**

**At 8:55 P.M., 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**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**AGENDA**

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**APPOINTMENTS**

- 7:00 Harry Power**
- 7:15 Arlene Dicorcia**
- 7:30 Linda Nicol**
- 7:50 Richard Betz - preservation**

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## **7. Minutes of June 6, 2011**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- D. Correspondence from Planning Board concerning Building Permit Fees. Discuss with Administrator, see also RSA 41:9-a**
- E. Discuss minor change for Road Maintenance Contract, and review same.**
- F. Discuss Tax Deeding-General Discussion**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- B. 2011 Building Committee Appointments from Moderator, Daniel Eaton**
- C. Request from DRA for Taxpayer Inventory Blanks**
- D. LGC-PLT 2011-12 billing and other information.**

### **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter from LGC concerning use of Health Trust Funds**
- B. Minutes of Planning Board from June 7**
- C. Letter from LGC concerning use of Health Trust Funds**
- D. Minutes of Planning Board from June 7**