

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2013

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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, Ellen Mason, Tax Collector, Jim Coffey, Town Administrator and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Dan Eaton attended the meeting at Sandra Smith's request.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 - Harry Power - described the definition of Buildings - he gets a lot of calls inquiring if the caller needs a building permit. He also reported that he had a notice from the State of NH Electrical Inspector reporting violations at the Tuthill property. The inspector issued a cease and desist and shut off the electricity to that property.

Harry reported that Chris and Laurie Olds have not met the deadline to clean up their property at Tax Map # 422, Lot # 2.11. He asked the selectmen if they were willing to grant another extension (original cleanup deadline was 5/8 and the board granted one extension to 6/30/2013) because the Olds' reported their land is too muddy to get equipment on it for cleanup. Harry said he had left a message for the Olds' but they have not returned his call. Virginia GrandPre', Deputy Town Clerk had reported that Mr. Olds tried to register some vehicles but she refused because she did not have proof that he owned them. It was noted that even if the vehicles were registered, they would have to be inspected to be allowed to remain on the property.

Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to grant a one-month extension, which will be the absolutely last extension. If cleanup is not complete by 8/8/2013, Harry will ask the Board of

Selectmen to file with the court for relief. Harry asked if any of the Selectmen had met with one or both of the Olds on this matter. Steve McGerty indicated that he had discussed the issue at the Mill Village Store with them.

Harry also noted that there has been no response from Lorraine Joslyn on the attorney's request to enter her property to take pictures of the operations there.

Harry presented the following building permits for signature:

Tax Map # @ 115 Lot # 31 a Garage for Mr. English; Tax Map # @ 121 lot # 22.36 a Garage for Lavoie; Tax Map # 135 Lot # 15 & 16 a foundation for Exley and Tax Map # 102 lot # 80 & 81 a house and garage for Williams. Mr. William's permit was held due to closing on the purchase of lot # 80 not being completed and there will have to be a road waiver signed and a voluntary merger is advised to allow for required set backs for the buildings.

7:25 - Donna & Phil Hamilton met with the board to request a letter for the Selectmen giving the Hamiltons permission to cross the road with a septic system pipe to replace the failed Murdock septic system. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to approve the letter, requesting Jim Coffey write it, the board agreed. It was noted that the old system's tank would be pumped and filled with sand and the leach field would be excavated for removal of all material possible and then it would be back filled with sand also.

7:30 - Ed Saleski - weather vane update - Ed showed a bracket made out of a material that will not rot, for the weather vane replacement. He is awaiting the N, S, E & W letters to be cut out and welded to the metal rods. He has been able to purchase most of the materials on Craig's List and Ebay and announced that the Historical Society is paying for all the parts. He turned over instructions on how to install the vane on the Town Hall. He requested that the Board ask Cutter Construction to install the vane while they have a lift on site for the Gould House roof replacement. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to have Cutter Construction install the vane, the board approved.

John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to thank Ed for all his hard work on this project, the board wholeheartedly agreed.

7:45 - Sandra Smith-Wilfred Smith Property - the board met with Sandra Smith on the Wilfred A. Smith property - Tax Map # 422 Lot # 10. There has been a long, ongoing attempt, by Ms. Smith, to learn the bottom line amount to pay off the back taxes on this property. She has been given statements every time she called and asked how much she owed. Ellen Mason, Tax Collector, has

supplied Ms. Smith with a spreadsheet to show where every one of her payments has been applied. Ms. Smith is requested that she be released from paying interest on the overdue taxes. She said she has made 11 payments on the taxes but 18% interest mounts up quickly. She asked Dan Eaton to accompany her to this meeting and he asked for Ms. Smith to be forgiven the interest due to her parent's death. Jim Coffey will create a clear statement of what she owes. John Halter wants to see clearly, what Jim comes up with for a payoff figure and it must be noted that all taxes must be paid with the payment. Jim Coffey did note that he has several other taxpayers who are making payments and assuming all the interest being earned on those taxes until they are all paid off. Ellen Mason said she would work with Jim Coffey to make up a statement to get to all the Selectmen for their approval before any interest forgiveness is considered.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. June 24, Minutes (2) - Steve McGerty objected to the minutes not being changed per his request. Some of the changes were made but one sentence was left in. John Halter and Arnie Stymest agreed to keep that sentence in the minutes as it was noted during the meeting. The minutes were then signed but the non-public minutes were revised and will be signed at the next meeting.

All other items were signed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Stephen D. Anderson to ZBA - requesting the Zoning Board of Adjustment to confirm their agreement with their withdrawal without prejudice on the AT&T - New Cingular Wireless litigation. Jim Coffey will have the ZBA send the requested agreement.
2. Kenneth & Leslie Peate Abatement - Jim Coffey presented the agreed upon abatement for the board's signatures. He said the Peates are happy with the settlement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Estimate from David Cutter for Article 3, 2013 ATM, Town Hall & Gould House Renovations. - The email from David Cutter of Cutter Construction was reviewed. It was noted that the budgeted figure for both structures and removal of the trees is \$98,000. Steve McGerty asked

how long the in tumescent fireproof paint would be good for in the Town Clerk's office and front entry. Jim Coffey will get that from the contractor. The board agreed to have Mr. Cutter start with removal of the chimney on the stage. This work will start immediately and Mr. Cutter is comfortable with starting prior to the contract being signed. Steve McGerty asked about the ceiling material proposed and what the fire rating is for it. Jim Coffey will get the details for the board.

2. PRIMEX Negative Invoice for Worker's Compensation
 3. Invitation to send a Selectman to the Monadnock Farm & Community Coalition
 4. Sandra Smith Documents-Appointment - see above under appointments
 5. Invite to Southwestern Community Services Open House, July 19
 6. Letter to Tax Collector from Douglas Crouteau to Tax Collector Concerning Bill Address Problems and Interest - Mr. Crouteau is requesting a refund of his interest because the address was not corrected when he notified the town of a change.
 7. Request from the EVA Lane Lot Owner's association to use the Town Hall for a Meeting in September 1, from 10 A.M. Until Noon. They will be put on the calendar but if the renovations are not complete, the meeting will have to be held elsewhere.
 8. Request from Bill Wallace to move 4 Penny Lane to Anderson Road. Jim Coffey will work with Cartographics and the E911 administrator to change his address. His driveway does exit onto Anderson Road.
9. Request, verbal, from Virginia GrandPre' to discuss traffic patterns at the Town Hall & Office - it was decided that the traffic pattern, as it is now, works and will remain as such.
10. Transfer Station traffic patterns - the Transfer Station is in need of a new traffic pattern with to gates - one for entering and one for exiting the facility.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Allen & Mathewson - Jim Coffey will take a look at the fuel consumption of all department buildings for fuel and LPG.

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SELECTMEN'S INPUT

1. Steve McGerty reported that a jet ski was sunk in Highland Lake on Thursday. The owners have located it but neglected to mark it so it is lost again. The owners will return Tuesday or Wednesday to try and retrieve it. The good news is that the system is sealed on it so there is no leakage of fluids into the lake.

2. Steve McGerty asked about the Town Hall reservation calendar. It was noted that the Board of Selectmen control the usage of the town hall and any person or organization desiring to use the hall must contact the board or Jim Coffey/Pat Putnam for reservation. Geoffrey Jones wanted the calendar in the Town Hall but he has been told he needs to see folks in the Gould House for reserving the hall.

3. Arnie Stymest reported that he is meeting with PJ LaMothe on Wednesday to go over reporting methods for the Fire Department.

4. Arnie Stymest said the Fire Chief was upset with the number of people in the Town Hall for a recent bazaar. There are not supposed to be more than 47 people in the hall at one time but a town related function could have 74 people.

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 10:02, the board agreed.

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Stephen McGerty

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

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