

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 1-27-2014**

Submitted by stoddard on Fri, 01/31/2014 - 2:05pm.

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JANUARY 27, 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, Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant, Fire Chief PJ LaMothe and Deputy Fire Chief Joe Sarcione Dean Huber was also present.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

7:00 - Harry Power - reported that he send a letter to Thumpertown, purchaser of the Rodney Williams property on Valley Road, indicating that the building permit for that Property will expire in July 2014. Harry also noted that he has signed the interrogatory for the Joslyn/Holland issue at the Town Council's direction.

7:30 - Fred Ward - Fred rehashed his complaints once again. Steve McGerty asked what

Fred wanted. He is asking for the resignation of Angel Nicoletti from the ZBA, dismissal

of Sam Bradley as Town Council and apologies from Arnie Stymest and John Halter.

The board took the requests under advisement.

7:45 - Chief LaMothe, General budget discussion for 2014/15 - met with PJ LaMothe and

Joe Sarcione concerning the upcoming Fire Department Budget. They reported that the Highway Safety Grant they applied for was denied due to a change in the application

Process. The extrication equipment that they were applying for funding for will be

Purchased as they have received the funds from another source.

There has been a change in the National Fire Protection Association guidelines for Fire Department gear. That gear must be replaced every 10 years. That means all pants, coats, gloves, boots and helmets. The old gear must be destroyed. They have gone through all the gear inventory and destroyed all out of date items. The present gear was

mostly purchased in 2007 so there is a bit of time before it must be replaced.

The gear replacement costs run:

Firefighter \$2,800, EMS \$1,300, Forestry \$900, Class A Uniform \$400. PJ has been given the name of another supplier that seems to have gear at a more reasonable price. She will be investigating.

Also, if there is a department staff member who takes a class, the instructor will be

checking to verify that all gear is up to date - if not - that person will not be allowed to attend the class.

They also reported that they have been fortunate that one staff member goes to

Peterborough and uses that department's washer and dryer. That means the gear is

out of service for 2 days versus 2 weeks if it is sent out to be cleaned.

Another concern is that all the airbags are 30 years old. The board discussed the dilemma and concluded there could be a multi-year capital budget warrant article with the same purpose for each year. The report went on to advise that the 12-lead EKG has failed and the leads must be replaced. Another issue is that the Tanker pump must be re-built. This pump is almost 25 years old and the packings are maxed out and cannot be further adjusted. This pump is a front mount one so it will be less costly to work on.

They reported that a dry hydrant has been installed and tested at the Pitcher Mountain Farm pond. Patricia will notify the E911 people of its installation.

Harry Power asked what becomes of the old gear. The answer was that it must be destroyed due to liability if it is used.

Also, they reported that the subject of the executive session held on January 13, 2014 has been resolved and no action was required.

**TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:**

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2. Notice of Intent to Cut Map 405, Lot 01.3, Dodge Farm Road
3. Appointment of Brenda Bryer to the Conservation Commission
4. Appointment of Merrilee Frable to the Conservation Commission
5. Re-Appointment of Paul Crosby to the Conservation Commission
6. Appointment of Curtis Taylor as an Alternate to the ZBA
7. Selectmen's Minutes from January 13, 2014
8. Selectmen's Non-Public Minutes of January 13, 2014
9. Payroll authorization for Mark McKeen for outside maintenance of Fire Station grounds

1. Letter to Mr. Fred Ward, See 7:30 Appointment, Two Copies
2. Agreements with PPM for Fire and Security Monitoring for the Town Hall
3. Supplemental Property Tax Warrant for \$954.60.

All of the above were signed.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposal to Stripe School Street from JDK Pavement for \$1,800, with glass beads. Recommended by David Vaillancourt. This proposal was addressed to the School so Jim Coffey will request an updated quote to the Town.
2. Letter from Attorney Prigge concerning the cemetery and Cahill property. No action taken
3. Letter from Harry Power to Thumpertown LLC - see appointments

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request to use part of a Class VI road for snowmobile use. - This is for a portion of Barrett Pond Road and the Selectmen had no objection to the use.
2. Public Officials Liability Coverages - Jim Coffey reported that the coverages have been upgraded to reflect State Status.
3. Conservation Commission Minutes
4. Notice from DOT of a Driveway Permit on Route 9, Map 422, Lot 5.1
5. Solicitation from North American Power
6. BTLA A-9 from Brotherhood of Hope
7. PSNH Energy Efficiency Program Letter - Jim Coffey will contact them to learn of any grants that might be available for the Town Hall and Gould House upgrades.

#### SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. John Halter reported that he has contracted with Tattersall Electric to purchase and install a back-up generator (in response to former questions on whether any town official has hired any of the contractors working on the Town Hall/Gould House renovations)
2. Steve McGerty asked for investigation from surrounding towns on policies for shutting town offices during emergencies when the school is on vacation or summer recess.
3. Steve McGerty asked when the security glass would be corrected. Jim Coffey

reported that the contractor told him it should be here this week.

4. Steve McGerty asked about the research for 2 pumps for the Forestry Department.

Jim Coffey hasn't checked with Northern Tool as yet. They are the suppliers of record for this equipment.

5. It was noted that the school budget hearing is scheduled for February 10, a

Selectmen's usual meeting night. The board decided to hold their meeting on February

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#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thank you letter from Red Cross

2. Notice of Upcoming Elections

3. Letter from Health Trust Concerning PLT - Jim Coffey will check with Primex for a quote

for coverage, to make a comparison.

4. Thank You letter from the Keene Community Kitchen

5. Certificate of Liability from Cross Country Appraisal

6. Keene Sentinel Article relating to Cleanup of Violations - in the Town of Swanzey

7. Home Retention Clinic (Free) Sponsored by the Foreclosure Relief Project and the NH Bar Association. - Jim Coffey will scan and post on the Town's website.

8. ZBA Minutes of January 17, 2014

9. Friends of the Davis Library Minutes

ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to adjourn at 9:26 PM, the board agreed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Stephen McGerty

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Arnie Stymest

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John Halter

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