

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF 7-28-2014

Submitted by stoddard on Mon, 07/28/2014 - 4:00pm.

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July 28, 2014

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

Attendees included Arnie Stymest, Selectman Chairman, John Halter, Selectman, Stephen McGerty, Selectman, 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 # 408, Lot # 18 - Warren Mooney - sent a letter indicating his cooperation on cleaning up the junk at his place and acknowledging his having tires and a tank that need to be removed also. Warren Mooney's inquiry on having a garage built to replace the one he now has, which has a pit for working under vehicles, would need a building permit and ZBA & Planning Board approval if he wishes perform commercial repairs on vehicles, other than his family ones.

Harry presented a copy of the letter he sent to Maria Garvin on an update of the Gordon Jennison situation and an inquiry on where the Joslyn/Holland legal issues stand.

Harry reported on his follow-up on the Gordon Jennison clean-up and septic system installation. Harry noted that Mr. Jennison has worked on removing more junk from his property but has more to go. Harry Power will follow-up on further clean up progress. He noted that the Septic System installation deadline is 8/1/2014. It has not been installed as of Harry's

visit.

7:15 - Chief LaMothe, Keene Paramedic Intercept Agreement - PJ recommended that the Town sign on for a year's trial with the Keene Intercept Program at \$1,656.72/year. Steve McGerty moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to approve the plan, the board approved.

PJ LaMothe reported visiting the Lakefalls Lodge property with 3 representatives of the Fire Marshall's office. At issue is the opening of the facility to the public. They have an event scheduled for 8/9/2014, if a fire watch is held. Mr. Healy as agreed to pay \$20.00 pr hour for the fire watch person. The fire watch person needs a mobile radio, as there is no cell service out there. Also, every time there is a public event; the tent that is erected must be inspected. PJ LaMothe noted that the Lodge is pretty much in code but 3 other facilities have windows that are not wide enough to allow firefighters to enter through them. The Fire Department is working up a schedule for a work detail pay scare and the Chief is getting a copy of Keene's pay scale for comparison.

Arnie Stymest moved and Steve McGerty seconded to authorize the Fire Department to charge \$20.00 per hour for the August 9, 2014 event, the board approved.

7:40 - David Cutter - Cutter Construction - Mr. Cutter indicated that the safety glass for the Town Clerk's office has been a nightmare - the source company has been very incompetent, first losing the order and then supplying the wrong size. He will call tomorrow to seek a delivery date. He did say that Portland Glass, formerly located in Keene has been satisfactory in the past but the new location, in Brattleboro, leaves a lot to be desired.

Mr. Cutter indicated that he hasn't been notified that the shutters for the Gould House are ready, but he will call tomorrow. He will have to paint them so the installation date will be a week after he has them at his facility. Steve McGerty reported that the ceiling, outside the Town Hall front door, is peeling. David Cutter will check it out.

Phase 4 of the Town Hall renovations was discussed. Mr. Cutter reported that the Electricity and Plumbing part of the budget comes to about 1/2 of the estimate, but is a bit up in the air, having been quoted after a 45-minute inspection. The budget is \$55,000.00. David Cutter still needs to

ascertain the exact cabinets and fixtures for the bathrooms before a definite estimate can be submitted. Arnie Stymest asked what the time-line would be to complete the renovations. David Cutter estimated 8 weeks maximum, if it is all done at the same time. Mr. Cutter said there is little change in cost to do the bathrooms in the kitchen area and then to move the kitchen last. John Halter said there needs to be a bid spec for specific items. David Cutter will submit the specs to Jim Coffey prior to the August 11, 2014 meeting.

When questioned about the key to the Police Station, Mr. Cutter reported that he has passed it to Steve McGerty, who replied that he gave it to Jim Coffey. Jim Coffey will look for it.

8:00 - Donall Healy - referred to an Appeal from an Administrative Decision, concerning his Lakefalls Lodge rentals. Mr. Healy complained that his attorney was noticed by Bradley & Faulkner Law Office but he was not noticed directly. Mr. Healy asked if his operation was any different than renting camps around the lakes? He noted that he only rents the property and does not run the events and has been renting the property since 1970, prior to zoning being adopted. He requested a reconsideration of the Zoning violation ruling, made by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Healy went on to state that should he not prevail with his appeal to the ZBA he would appeal to the courts.

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(#4 - Steve McGerty requested holding off on this appointment due to Angel Nicoletti not being chairman when she requested the appointment, the board agreed.) The balance of the items were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Jim Coffey reported that there is a private road, off Aten Road, where there has been a request for a road number, for insurance purposes, due to a building permit being issued. The road needs to be named to eliminate any confusion. Chapel Road has been suggested by Cartographics, who maintains the tax maps, as there is a chapel located on the road. Consideration of the Chapel by the Lake being in existence and might cause confusion in an emergency situation. No decision was reached.

Mary Lou Stymest met with the board, as Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees, concerning the water runoff from School Street, flooding the cemetery. She reported that a funeral could not be held, if the ground is wet. She suggested David Vaillancourt, Road Agent, spread some 2" stone, grade it and compact it to alleviate the conditions. Jim Coffey suggested a catch basin be installed to direct the water flow away from the cemetery. Jim Coffey will talk to David Vaillancourt on Monday about the problem. Arnie Stymest suggested setting a priority for David Vaillancourt to correct the water runoff problem. There was also a discussion of creating a capital improvement plan for inventorying bridges and culverts and establishing a maintenance schedule for the same. The board agreed.

Gordon Jennison presented a complaint about the treatment he has received from the town. He said Harry has made several visits to his land when he wasn't there. He has suffered thefts from his property, which he has reported to David Vaillancourt with no action being taken. Mr. Jennison reported that he has had 2 back surgeries, which has laid him up for 6 weeks, each. He feels he is being harassed and is upset by the treatment. Steve McGerty said he would visit the property after calling Mr. Jennison for a convenient time.

Jennifer Costa presented the Board with an amendment for the June 23, 2014 minutes regarding her meeting with the board. It was explained that the meeting minutes had been previously approved. After a short discussion, the board consented to add Ms. Costa's comments, regarding that meeting, as an addendum to the minutes of the current meeting, if she resubmitted her request with an employee's name removed. This addendum only reflects Ms. Costa's account of the June 23, 2014 meeting as she has stated in her letter dated July 28, 2014 and presented to the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Copy of an Appeal to ZBA of an Administrative Decision, by the Selectmen, from Donall Healy. - See above report of Mr. Healy's visit to the board.
2. Letter from Lorraine Joslyn to Board concerning runoff toward her garage and basement from Juniper Hill Road. - The board asked for David Vaillancourt to look at the problem and make suggestions to correct the problem. Jim Coffey will write to Lorraine Joslyn and the Town Clerk about the issue.
3. Copy of letters to Gordon Jennison and Warren Mooney from Harry Power - see Harry's report.
4. Bids for renovation of Gould House front lawn. Jim Coffey compared new estimate from Joe Sarcione for the work needed on the Gould House front lawn, with his first estimate and found that Joe Sarcione had lowered the time to do the job and the cost of loam. Steve McGerty did not want the board to consider Homeland's estimate due to wanting to award the work to a local contractor. The board tabled the estimates until the August 11, 2014 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Notice from NH DOT for 2014-2015 Highway Block Grant, \$31,136.09 - Jim Coffey reported that the July installment has been received.
2. Report of Dog Bite - Jennifer Costa asked who was bitten and was told the assessor, who is an independent contractor.
3. Personal Plan for Emergency training in September (23 & 25), Keene & Peterborough - Jennifer Costa suggested posting this training for the public.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Steve McGerty asked how the library building project is progressing - Arnie Stymest reported that it is coming along well with their next meeting scheduled for September 12.

Arnie Stymest asked when the level of Highland Lake could be done after Columbus Day. It was noted that the level is lowered after Columbus Day.

Arnie Stymest thought there should be a sign, indicating stickers are required to use the Transfer Station. He was told that there is a sign posted at the gate.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

Lake testing results

SWRPC information for transportation program

UNH public works training schedule - Jim Coffey urged consideration of attending and will email the schedule to the Selectmen.

NH Civil Engineer magazine

ADJOURN: Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to adjourn at 9:18, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

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Ms. Costa's letter is as follows:

Date: Thu, 14 Aug 2014 16:04:48 -0400

From: Jennifer Costa <jenniferanncosta75@gmail.com>

Reply-To: Jennifer Costa <jenniferanncosta75@gmail.com>

Subject: Letter re: amendment of minutes from 6/23/14

To: "stoddardtownhall@myfairpoint.net" <stoddardtownhall@myfairpoint.net>

Re: June 23, 2014 Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes

To the Stoddard Board of Selectmen,

After reviewing the minutes of the Board of Selectman Meeting from June 23, 2014, I realized that some important points that I made at this meeting, as well as the responses from the Selectman were not included in the official record. In addition, the minutes included inaccuracies and language I considered to be defamatory and potentially libelous. Please

include the following amendment as part of the official minutes for the June 23, 2014 meeting:

8:45pm – Jennifer Costa – met with the board to follow-up on her letter dated May 19, 2014 concerning town employee, {name removed per John Halter’s request, “it is a violation of the ‘HIPAA POLICY’ to include an employee’s name in the minutes”}. Mrs. Costa identified herself and was informed by Arnold Stymest that the Board would not hear any complaints against an employee. Mrs. Costa questioned why she was not permitted to speak in regards to the letter that she submitted. Mr. Stymest stated he had already met with the principal at the school regarding the letter. Mr. Stymest went on to explain that Mrs. Costa has much to learn about process. Mrs. Costa stated that she is aware of process and did follow protocol with her employer. Mrs. Costa clarified that her letter to the Board of Selectman was written regarding her concerns as a member of the community, tax payer and parent, not as an employee of the school. While speaking, Mrs. Costa incorrectly addressed Jim Coffey, believing him to be {name removed per John Halter’s request, “it is a violation of the ‘HIPAA POLICY’ to include an employee’s name in the minutes”}. Mrs. Costa apologized for her error noting that there were no name placards on the table and no introduction had been made at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Stymest noted that her five minutes to speak were up and requested that Mrs. Costa step down. Mrs. Costa expressed frustration and stated that the town needs to remember that the school is a place for education. As Mrs. Costa was exiting the table, she stated that she has made requests to the SAU and school board to implement further safety at the school and she has been assured by both organizations that changes are being made.

I look forward to receiving confirmation that the minutes of the June 23, 2014 meeting were amended.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Costa

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