

# **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2012**

Submitted by stoddard on Mon, 07/30/2012 - 10:54pm.

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

Attendees included John Halter, Selectman Chairman, Arnie Stymest, Selectman, Louis GrandPre', Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several attended the meeting as on lookers. Jim Coffey is on vacation.

At the beginning of the meeting John Halter announced that he would not entertain questions or comments from the audience.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

7:00 Harry Power - brought in one building permit to Tax Map # 102 Lot # 053 to replace a deck with screened in porch and add an 8 X 12 foot expansion for Paul Konopaske. Building Permit was approved.

7:15 Randy Clark (Building Renovations) - follow up, referring to the 7/16 meeting, suggesting the board hold a special town meeting to explore the different locations that are available to supply new facilities for the town officers. He felt that the voters have spoken that they do not want what ever the town boards have presented to them. He referred to 7/10/12 meeting for \$765,000 that was upgraded to \$1.2 million, which failed and the 2012 meeting where the

Cahill location was tabled. He thinks the voters want to have input into what they want to see for the future town offices facility and location.

John Halter explained that a special meeting would require petitioning a Judge for permission to hold one but that just having a meeting of the minds in town would not require any Judge to permit. Given that information, Mr. Clark suggested the board have a meeting to hear what the voters are thinking and follow through with that idea or ideas to present a feasible plan to the Town Meeting.

Arnie Stymest thought the board should wait until 5/2013 town meeting to ask the voters what they think and want.

John Halter said that would take 2 years of delay to get space constructed.

Louis GrandPre' felt the board should get input from the public and not wait until 5/2013 to act. He is waiting for the Department of Labor to come in and meet with the Selectmen to learn just what is required and when.

Arnie Stymest said that any plan would require space to use in the interim basis for the staff.

John Halter said the sooner the better.

Louis GrandPre' thought a meeting can be called to learn which property that should be developed.

Randy Clark said there needs to be a meeting with a lot of participants to really have a sense on which the public wishes the Board of Selectmen to pursue.

Arnie Stymest noted that the Board of Selectmen is being reactive and not proactive.

Louis GrandPre' suggested that the board wait until the meeting with Department of Labor to find out what they require to make swing space.

7:30 Steve McGerty - Cancelled

#### TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. A/P Manifest
2. Application for Pitcher Mountain Fire Tower forest land
3. BOS Meeting minutes of 7/23/2012

4. BOS Non-Public meeting minutes of 7/23/2012

All the above were signed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Letter to Department of Labor - the board read the letter that Jim Coffey has written.

2. John Halter reported that the welding company has looked at the Rescue Vehicle in depth and realized there is more damage than first thought. He checked out the vehicle with Shannon Sarcione and will have a written bid for rust repairs. He felt that the \$1,500 idea would probably become more like \$3,000 or so. He will get a written quote to the town in the immediate future.

3. Mike Oldershaw asked if there was any update after the meeting with Mr. Monahon on Gould House work. It was announced that there is a lot of work that is needed before the building can be used. There was discussion on several issues that Mr. Monahon pointed out during the visit. Richard Gariepy said he is sure the first floor can be used. He updated the plan to do some strengthening of beams - installing 2 X 10 floor joists 16" on center. He also noted that the first floor needs a carrier beam. Fire Rating the entire basement would be extremely difficult with the plumbing and wires that are carried along the bottom of the existing floor joists. Richard Gariepy said that making the boiler area fire rated would be easier - encompassing a space about the size of the stage area in the Town Hall. If a carrier beam is installed along the outside walls, it would miss most of the wiring. The Red Room needs a carrier beam and floor joists.

Dean Huber reported that the electrical work is at a stand still until the Selectmen decide what they have to do to make the building safe for Town Offices.

Louis GrandPre' wants a contractor to suggest options to answer the cost of fire rating the basement area.

Richard Gariepy said Mr. Monahon feels the balance of the building is safe but nothing can be used for storage. He suggested a lock be installed on the door leading to the 2nd and 3rd floors to make sure no one goes up there. Mr. Monahon said he is not worried about the roof. If anything is done to the upper floors, he expects the roof would fall in.

Mrs. Chagnon asked why the issue is being addressed now. She related that the board had this information 2 years ago and she wonders why the board would put money into the Gould House at

this point.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for information on “Illegal Businesses in Stoddard – Steve Philbrick - Harry Power reported that he has viewed the property and there is no sign of any business being conducted there. He found the property to be neat and no vehicles; etc that would indicate any business is there. No action is required.

2. Request for information on “Illegal Businesses in Stoddard – David Vaillancourt - the board read the complaint and asked David if he had anything to say - David reserved comment till a later date. The Selectmen turned the complaint over to Harry Power for further investigation.

3. Go to bid for renovations that are funded by the Town Meeting to repair the Town Hall. Louis GrandPre' moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to go to bid for the plan, the board agreed. A question on whether there would have to be a clerk of the works for the project was asked by Harry Power. Louis GrandPre' felt the contractor would act as the clerk of the works.

4. John Halter announced that the Board of Selectmen's meetings would resume the 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday schedule.

#### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. Water Testing Report
2. Terry McMahon's information for CIP input on issues for Facility needs
3. City of Keene notice of hearing on ZBA meeting to discuss AT&T request to place a wireless antenna at 418 Chapman Road in Keene
4. Environmental News from NHDES
5. NH Gov report of West Nile Virus contaminated mosquitoes – gathered in Manchester

All the correspondence was reviewed with no action taken.

ADJOURNED

Arnie Stymest moved and Louis GrandPre' seconded to adjourn at 7:55 pm, the board approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Patricia E. Putnam

Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

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John Halter

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Louis GrandPre'

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Arnie Stymest

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OTHER ITEMS

None