

SELECTMENS MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 8, 2011

Submitted by stoddard on Wed, 08/10/2011 - 11:20am.

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The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending were Selectmen John Halter, Selectmen Arnie Stymest, Selectman Lou GrandPre' and Patricia Putnam, AA.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 PM - Harry Power – presented a building permit for Shari Cass (Tax Map # 422, Lot # 2.14) – the selectmen signed the form.

7:15 PM – Mike Stewart – Denise Durham property 131 # 12 – Met with Mike Stewart concerning is purchase and sale agreement on the Denise Durham property (Tax Map # 131, Lot # 12). He explained his wish to convert the now seasonal residence to a year round residence as it was used for many years. Carl Hagstrom has visited the property and found the septic system adequate for one person. Lou GrandPre' turned in a letter from Carl Hagstrom D/B/A Monadnock Septic Design indicating that he had inspected the system and dug holes to evaluate the leaching area. He found no indication that the system is anything but in working order. The water source is on an adjacent lot and Mr. Stewart presented a letter indicating that the Hoffmans have granted the new owner all rights to the dug well on their property that serves the Durham residence. Harry Power joined the board and suggested that the septic system design be drawn up so the area needed for its installation, should the current system fail, is set-aside for that purpose. Any garage or other out building or expansion of the house would have to take into consideration that the septic

system area must be left vacant. The board agreed to draft a letter to the Bank indicating that they agree to allow conversion back to year round use, subject to the letter from Carl Hagstrom and that no addition to living space will take place until the Septic System design is accomplished. The board will look for a design after a satisfactory house inspection is completed. Lou GrandPre' suggest that Mr. Stewart look to a ROW agreement from the Hoffmans that can be recorded in the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds to protect his water supply.

7:30 PM – David Vaillancourt – personnel – David reported that his secretary has just had a baby and will be out on maternity leave for several weeks. He requested permission to hire a temporary secretary until Mrs. Ashworth is ready to return to the job. Lou GrandPre' moved and John Halter seconded to approve hiring a temporary secretary, the board approved.

Arnie Stymest asked David to provide a written list of projects and work accomplished along with his invoices. David agreed to provide the requested documentation.

OPEN RUDIMENTARY DISCUSSION:

1. Bob O'Brien from the Island Pond Association thanked the board for the use of the town hall for their annual meeting and returned the key he was issued.
2. John Ciriello spoke of his concern of the type of material that is being left at the transfer station. He had noted vehicles without stickers dumping and has not seen Craig checking for them.
3. Harry Power reported speaking to Craig and asking if a list of property owners would be helpful. Craig thought the list would be helpful and added that David Marcoux thought it would help but would not solve the entire problem.
4. Dennis Pellegrino submitted a letter of interest in becoming a member of the ZBA. He reported that many in the Hidden Lake Development are concerned that the ZBA is not active at the present time and many may need the ZBAs services. He asked what action the board has taken to recruit new members – Ads have been published in the Keene Sentinel and Monadnock Shopper News, along with a notice posted on the Town's web site, at the post office, fire station, town hall and at the Town Clerk's office.
5. Mark Seaverns reported that this was his 6th trip to the board for relief from debris fouling the culvert on his property. He submitted pictures and

a bill that he paid to Land Contractors for \$1000. to repair damage and noted that he had additionally spent \$1000 for mulch and expended much labor to the keep the water damage to a minimum. He also reported that he has replaced his culvert under the entire width of the driveway. He indicated his concern with the lack of action by the Road Agent. David Vaillancourt joined the board and agreed that the culvert installation is faulty with an elbow part way in the culvert that becomes blocked. After discussion, Lou GrandPre' asked David to replace the culvert in the problem area and exchange the catch basin's cover to a hurricane drain cover that has larger slots, on an angle, which should help the situation. Mark asked about the problem across the street. David told him he would have to stop pushing snow into the area. David agreed to replace the 12" culvert with a 15" culvert that should hold the water flow better. He also agreed that the swale should never have been build. Mark asked if the change in culvert would be completed by winter, and Lou said yes.

6. During their drive around town with David Vaillancourt, the selectmen observed the culvert at Granite Lake – near the old Girls Camp (Skidmore) is in failure. The town will have to apply for a wetlands permit to replace it. David will get the form and have the office complete it.
7. Lou GrandPre' requested copies of all job descriptions for Administrative Assistant, ZBA Secretary, Planning Board Secretary, Deputy Tax Collector, Secretary to the Fire and Police Departments, Compliance Officer and Town Administrator.
8. Lou GrandPre' asked to have the Building Committee meet with the Board as soon as possible to get the committee started on the town's work.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Vendor Manifest
2. Payroll Manifest
3. Minutes of July 25, 2011
4. Minutes of August 1, 2011
5. Letter to the Society of NH Forests, Pioneer Lake
6. Pistol Licenses (3)

All documents were signed by all 3 selectmen.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Stephen C. Tarbox Proposal – Arnie Stymest read the proposal for structural repair. Lou GrandPre' moved and John Halter seconded to accept the proposal for \$3500 to engineer and design reinforcements, perform site visit, provide construction specifications, distribute proposals to possible

contractors, provide construction site visit. They wish the project to begin with all due haste.

- B.** Legal correspondence, Stoddard v. Jennison & Willard – a letter from Maria Gavin of Bradley & Faulkner was read. Harry Power reported that he is waiting for service notice and to ascertain that the building has been removed. If they are not obtained, he will have to appear in Sullivan County Superior Court.

- C.** Agreement addendum for Boulder Road Maintenance of Boulder Road Contract with the Town of Sullivan – read the Town of Sullivan draft addendum to the road contract for Boulder Road. They proposed adding that the Town of Stoddard pay for gravel to be placed on the surface to maintain the condition now, annually. The Selectmen all signed the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Cheshire County requesting a meeting to discuss the relationship between the town and the Fire Mutual Aid. Decided to ask PJ LaMothe to attend the 8/22 meeting to learn what is involved.
2. Price quote from Dan Burrows to refinish the Gazebo. The board accepted the bid to refinish the Gazebo and asked that anti mold additive be added to each gallon of paint used. The additional cost will be added to the bid of \$1150.
3. Letter from Skyline Property re: replacement of 2 microwave dishes on Pitcher Mountain – need Plan Board Action? The board decided to ask the Planning Board for their input on the replacements.
4. Letter from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC representing Fibercast Cable Communications on the transfer of Cable Franchises from Argent communications. The board wished to meet with the principals at the first Selectmen's meeting that they are available to meet the board.
5. The Town of Stoddard Transfer Station Policies were reviewed. John Halter moved and Lou GrandPre' seconded to accept the policies and have them posted at the Transfer Station (Lou will see if David Marcoux will pay for signs). Paper copies of the Policies will be posted at the Post Office, Fire Station, Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall

bulletin board and on the Town's web site.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

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DES test report for Granite Lake

NH Health Alert Network – West Nile Virus Identified in Nashua

NH DES – Environmental News

OTHER ITEMS: Non-public session, personnel / RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

8:45 PM Arnie Stymest moved to go into non-public session:

Arnie Stymest – yes

John Halter – yes

Lou GrandPre' – yes.

8:58 PM Arnie Stymest moved to return from non-public session and to seal the minutes:

Arnie Stymest – yes

John Halter – yes

Lou GrandPre' – yes

John Halter moved and Lou GrandPre' seconded to adjourn at 9:08 PM, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved

Arnold Stymest

John Halter

Louis GrandPre'

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