

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2014

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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 members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 – Naming, for E911 purposes, of an un-named private roadway running Westerly off Aten Road as shown on Tax Map 424 and affecting Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. RSA 231:133. Arkwood Lane has been suggested. Jim Coffey reported receiving a suggested road name for the way running westerly off Aten Road, where Brotherhood of Hope has a chapel, from Mr. Healy. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to name the way “Arkwood Lane”, the board agreed.

7:10 – Open bids for sale of Tax Map 107, Lot 28 – Bid from Ken Holland for \$1,015; bid from Lisa Ouellette for \$500 and bid from Mark Normandin for \$6,012. Steve McGerty moved and John Halter seconded to award the bid to Mark Normandin, the board agreed. Steve McGerty noted that if something went wrong and Mr. Normandin did not follow through, Mr. Holland would be the next highest bidder and be awarded the property, the board agreed.

7:20 – Harry Power – Tax Map # 420, Lot # 18 – Jason Kovarik, former Wayne and Carrie Fuller property on Keene-Concord Road, applied for a greenhouse and Harry told him he would not need a building permit provided it was constructed from plastic and would have no storage.

Tax Map # 421, Lot # 03 – John Washuta – reported removing the damaged garage and requested a building permit to put an 8X12 addition to his wood shed – approved

Tax Map # 102, Lots # 30&31 – Gary Grybko – woodshed – approved

Tax Map # 118, Lot # 53 – Edith and John Drinkwater – 8X12 shed – approved

Tax Map # 424, Lot # 09 – Brian Nelligan – Aten Road, previously applied for building permit to construct a garage and now wishes to add a covered porch – no extra fee levied – approved.

Harry reported sending a letter to Maria Gavin inquiring about the status of Jennison and Holland legal issues, but has had no response. He said he would send another email to her.

Tax Map # 424, Lot # 15 – Jane Healy – installing 20 voltaic cells for electric production – Harry said no permit is required and a copy of the information will go to the Assessor for appraisal.

7:30 – Gordon Jennison – concerns over septic system & equipment – Gordon and Casey Jennison met with the board with concerns on the ongoing legal issues at Gordon's property. Steve McGerty reported visiting the property and cannot understand the requirement for a septic system given there is no well or running water in the building. Casey Jennison reported that there are no neighbors that can see the location and that there are no eyesore items located there. Steve McGerty said he felt a state approved outhouse facility would serve. Harry Power said it is up to the Selectmen to request removal of State approved Septic System from the Court order. John Halter agreed with the understanding that if water and electric are installed, then the Septic System must be installed. Arnie Stymest agreed that the board should check with the court to have them allow removal of the requirement. Steve McGerty noted, during his visit, that no garbage or junk is apparent. Gordon Jennison reported that a 30' X 36' garage could store all the items to get the junk out of sight. Jim Coffey will contact Maria Gavin, or with no response, Sam Bradley to investigate the Septic system situation and report back to the board.

7:45 – Island Pond/Highland Lake Bob O'Brien & Joe Van Schaick, Boat

Ramps issues – Bob O'Brien met with the board to report on boat ramp issues at the Island Pond Beach. He said the water run off from the state road is creating swales with a light oil slick, from cars driving over road. He inquired on the possibility of filling the swales with stone or crushed stone to absorb the oil and make it easier for boaters to load and unload their vehicles when launching boats. He also asked if the sand could be drawn back from in the shallow water to make the pond deeper for such boat launching. The situation now requires tires to spin to get back out of the water with the vehicles and boat trailers. David Vaillancourt noted that any intrusion below the high water mark needs state approval. Steve McGerty wondered about salt, from the road, was getting into the lake – Mr. O'Brien did not know. Jim Coffey will research solutions to this problem.

Joe Van Schaick reported a like issue at the Marina and the Route 123 North boat launch areas. He wants rocks placed soon and then address a long term solution. The Lake Host monitors have had some problems with peoples attitudes while launching boats at the Route 123 ramp. That location requires impeding traffic flow while backing in and pulling out of the launch area. David Vaillancourt reported that Nelson had the same problem and the State required the area to be blacktopped to the high water mark and cement placed down into the water. He noted that a tri-axel load of 1 ½ stone runs \$400 and a like load of 1 ½ crush costs \$300. John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to have temporary repairs, with rock, placed to improve the conditions, the board approved. A more permanent fix will be planned for inclusion in next year's budget.

8:45 – Jennifer Costa – Mrs. Costa reminded the board that she had sent an email and then a hard copy outlining her complaint on the June 23, 2014 Selectmen's meeting minutes. She said she had appeared as a taxpayer and resident of the Town and that the board had agreed to attach her document to the July 28, 2014 meeting minutes. She has not seen it appear there. Jim Coffey explained that she had not removed the name of the employee that she was reporting from her document but that he had redacted it. The document, in the supplied form, was impossible for the staff to post to the minutes on the Town web site. Jim Coffey suggested that she supply the

document in a .doc form but she refused citing her concern that a .doc form could be changed. Ms. Costa then suggested that the staff type the form and add it to the web site minutes. Since this could lead to a change in her document, the board could not understand this request. (note: the board has since received a copy of Ms. Costa's complaint and it has been posted at the end of the July 28, 2014 minutes)

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. BOS Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2014
3. Appointment of Curtis Taylor to ZBA
4. Stoddard Garden Club, Use of Town Hall for a Meeting on August 19, 2014 – John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to approve the use with the deposit and rental fee waived, the board approved. Steve McGerty wanted to know when the rental and deposit fees are not waived and John Halter mentioned private parties. Steve McGerty thought the policy should be no charges unless there is a private function to be happening. John Halter said the waiving of fees is taken up case by case.
5. Pistol/Revolver License (1) – approved.
6. Payroll Authorization for Margo Santoro as Assistant Town Clerk
7. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber – taxes are paid and the co-owner will be contacted to sign the intent.
8. Current Use Application for 422-025 – 5.2 acres

All above were signed.

RUDIMENTARY QUESTIONS:

Jennifer Costa suggested that the Island Pond beach have a designated area for boat launching as the boats and vehicles are infringing on the area where residents use for bathing and playing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review & award bid for renewing front lawn of Gould House – The bids for

work on the Gould House lawn were addressed and Homeland submitted the lowest estimate @ \$1,700. and Joe Sarcione submitting an estimate of \$2,099. John Halter reported that Homeland does his lawn maintenance and does a good job. If there is any problem they have been quick to return and fix it. Amy Rokoszak reminded the board that Mathewson provided a temporary walkway from the parking lot to the Town Hall, during the lots construction. That temporary walkway has fallen into disrepair. After discussion, the board decided to come up with a plan to make up a permanent solution for the pathway between the Town Hall and the Gould House parking Lot, for the Budget next year.

John Halter moved and Arnie Stymest seconded to award Homeland the work, Steve McGerty abstained.

2. Pricing for Town Hall from David Cutter – the board was presented an estimate from Cutter Construction to complete the renovations to the Town Hall in the amount of \$54,200.00. (The budgeted amount is \$60,000.) Steve McGerty thought the board should go out to bid for the work but Arnie Stymest praised the work already done on the Town Hall, by Cutter Construction, and wished to have that firm complete the work. The Town Hall is a historic building in its entirety, and work on this structure should not violate that. Many things in the building such as the kitchen and bathrooms are not historic by themselves. The Clerk's Office, for example, is brand new and was never part of this structure in the past.

Monahon Architects sent a letter in support of Cutter Construction. Mary Lou Stymest reported that Monahon architects had designed renovations of the Newbury Meeting House and did a lovely job. Arnie Stymest moved and John Halter seconded to accept the estimate, the board approved with Steve McGerty opposed.

3. Jim Coffey reported that he is working with the auditors and making progress. All the old work stations have been replaced and some fine tuning is needed. ProVal, the assessing program, is updated to the latest version and eventually property record cards will be available on line. The new Web Site is being explored and Jim Coffey will email the selectmen and board some copies of existing sites that Virtualtown&school has created.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resignation of Barbara Dougeneck from Cemetery Commission – John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to accept Mrs. Dougeneck's resignation with regret and thanks for her time served, the board agreed.
2. Copy of Email from Jim Coffey to John & Diane Washuta regarding the assessment of their destroyed garage – RSA 76:21. - Jim Coffey recommends prorating a tax credit for their garage, back to the date of the event that ruined.
3. Notice of Solar Panel installation at 221 Aten Road – projected to cost \$17,000.00 – see Harry Power's report. Jane Healy property.
4. Notice of water draw down on Cold Spring Pond to install a dry fire hydrant. This public informational meeting will be held in conjunction with the Conservation Commission's next meeting in August.
5. Request from American Red Cross for support in the 2015-2016 FY for \$554.00 – the current year's appropriation is \$470.00. Jim Coffey inquired if the board wished to have such requests come in as a petition article or as a written request. The board decided to accept written requests and not require petitions.
6. Final Inspection Meeting for DOT for the Route 9 project. This meeting is scheduled for August 26.
7. Building Permit from Mr. Michael Hayes. - Harry Power has the building permit but has not visited the property as yet.

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Steve McGerty asked how anyone would go about planting a memorial tree on the Gould House property, as no permission was sought for the ones planted there in memory of Ken Hill and Roscoe Putnam. Mrs. Stymest thought they could ask but the trees that were planted were donated.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 1. NH DOT 2014 Resurfacing project
2. 2. July water test results for Granite Lake

3. 3. 2014 Training Calendar

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ADJOURN: John Halter moved and Steve McGerty seconded to adjourn at 8:42 PM, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Arnie Stymest

John Halter

Stephen McGerty

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