

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 2018

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

Attendees included Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Charles Fosberry, Selectman, Robert Fee, Selectman, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Dian Mathews, Broadband Update – Dian reported on a Discussion Group that was held by Monadnock Discussion Group concerning upcoming grants that will be available to towns that have limited broadband access. The Cheshire Country Commission has agreed to purchase a set of 3 special phones (\$7280.00) that will be used by teams to gather information on coverage areas or the lack of coverage. The Mobility Challenge 2 grants will be funded by the universal service fund on each person's phone bill. The teams will have to prove coverage maps, supplied by vendors, are wrong. The teams have to drive around and record non-coverage in 6 – 9 spots. The data will have to be reviewed by an engineer. Dian Mathews has an engineer, Warren Hutchinson, who is willing to work on the project. Dian said the Planning Board will take the lead in Stoddard. Dian will keep the board posted as the project goes on.

7:15 Harry Power, Building Permits

1. Tax Map # 113, Lot # 73 Thomas and Jennifer Frachette, 1016 Shedd Hill Road, 8'X8' Shed, approved.

2. Harry reported that he has spoken to Tom Cavanaugh concerning the water quality issues at Center Pond. There is a 3" pipe running 4' from the shore coming from Jane McDermott's residence. Harry will be taking 3 samples of water and 3 samples of PH from the pond in front of Tax Map # 415, Lots# 18, 19 & 20. He will deliver the samples to the testing lab on Tuesday and the test results will take about 8 days to complete.

3. Harry brought up the issue with Hummingbird B & B and asked what the board wished to do. He reminded the board that the town has Districts (commercial, in-home business and residential). Dian Mathews reported that there are several B & Bs being rented around town. Harry also stated that the Hummingbird B & B and other B & B's in town would be an asset. He also said he would like to see a combo of a B & B and restaurant on Main Street. The board told Harry to take no action due to the memo. Chris Madden recommended that Jim Coffey write the letter, (formerly approved by the board) requesting the Pratts to apply to the ZBA & Planning Board for the appropriate approvals, the board agreed, with Bob Fee dissenting.

4. Tax Map # 123, Lot # 09 – James & Beverly Cardoza, 67 Champney Road – Harry reported visiting the property with David Vaillancourt to ascertain if they were living in the trailer that parked there. Mr. Cardoza said they were not living there. Harry has had a couple reports that they are indeed living there. David told them that he would be having his officer check on the situation occasionally. Mr. D\Cardoza agreed to those visits.

5. Tax Map # 134, Lot # 17 – Dorman & McGonagle Rev. Trust, 641 Route 123 North – Mr. Dorman responded to Harry's letter concerning earth work done on the property. Mr. Dorman reported that he has had a 1250 gallon holding tank installed to replace a dilapidated one that was there. As the property has become year round from a seasonal cottage. Chris Madden recommended not perusing any action based on another case that the court found in favor of the owner. Chris Madden asked Harry to consult with Attorney Kinyon and Attorney Serge on how we should proceed on these seasonal properties.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Bob Fee expressed concern, due to the recent storm, on having a list of suppliers that

the town can turn to in an emergency to take care of residents until repairs are completed. Chief McGerty reported that the Fire Department has 4 generators for power supply. Chris Madden suggested that Dan Eaton, Emergency Management Director be asked to get involved in the discussion. Dian Mathews will contact Dan Eaton for his assistance.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Journal
2. Payroll Journal
3. Minutes of July 23, 2018
4. Minutes of July 23, 2018, Non-Public (2)
5. Pistol Permit

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Chief McGerty reported that the Fire Department responded to 6 alarms during the recent storm and opened roads blocked by trees, where there were no wires involved, in several locations.
2. Chief McGerty noted that the town is paying Southwestern Mutual Aid \$22,600/year for communications and has poor coverage. Fire Central, serving Washington had excellent coverage during the storm. He is investigating the possibility of switching to their service.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Memo from Administrator – Chris Madden read the memo to the board. Item 1 was covered above in Harry Power's presentation. Charlie Fosberry moved and Bob Fee seconded to accept the assessor's recommendation on the Carlisle Wide Plank Flooring abatement, the board agreed and signed the document. The board also noted items 2, with David Vaillancourt on vacation this week – hold off on portable speed limit signs and 3, Officer Busto being on leave during follow-up by the Sullivan County Attorney on a complaint from Center Pond Road residents.
2. Fire Station Siding project – Chief McGerty reported that he has received an email on an amended quote for replacing siding, windows and gutters on the Fire Station = \$28,400.00. The board will await the quote, in writing, before approval is issued.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We have begun working with our auditors, Melanson & Heath this week. The board so noted.
2. Letter from anonymous persons regarding a long term filled dumpster and the condition of the transfer station fence. Chris Madden read the letter and the board agreed that the fence is in deplorable shape. Bob Fee moved and Chris Madden seconded to ask Jim Coffey to research an estimate to repair or replace the fence, the board approved. The board tabled the dumpster issue for now.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: Charlie Fosberry moved and Bob Fee seconded to adjourn at 8:10, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AGENDA
July 30, 2018**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPOINTMENTS

7:00 Dian Mathews, Broadband Update
7:15 Harry Power, Building Permits

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED

1. Accounts Payable Journal
2. Payroll Journal
3. Minutes of July 23, 2018
4. Minutes of July 23, 2018, Non-Public (2)
5. Pistol Permit

OLD BUSINESS

3. Memo from Administrator
4. Fire Station Siding project

NEW BUSINESS

3. We have begun working with our auditors, Melanson & Heath this week.
4. Letter from anonymous persons regarding a long term filled dumpster and the condition of the transfer station fence.

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE