

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2020

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, Michelle Pong, Town Administrator, Harry Power, Compliance Officer and Patricia Putnam, Administrative Assistant. Several members of the public were in attendance.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 – Harry Power – Permits

1. Tax Map # 420, Lot # 5 – Lorraine Joslyn, 180 Juniper Hill Road, Harry reported that the parcel has just been sold. Ben Wilder is using the lot. Harry will be contacting the owner of Tax Map # 430, Lot #05.2 to notify that the garage is not for commercial use, if sold with the house.

2. Tax Map # 124, Lot # 12 – Sean and Jennifer Scott, 60 West Shore Circle – they constructed a wall in the Shoreland without NH Department of Environmental Services approval. The state licensed designer reported that the wall is in conflict with Shoreland Regulations. The designer is working on the problem. Harry will follow up.

3. Tax Map # 105 Lots # 7 & - Highland Lake Marina - Harry has been contacted by Christopher Austin, who is considering purchase of the marina and would tear down the store in front of the building because it is in poor repair and then move the store into the restaurant building. As there is no public water or septic on the parcel, per the Selectman Board. The buyer would have to apply to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review and then apply to the Zoning Board of adjustment for a Special Exception.

4. Tax Map # 134, Lot # 29 – Janice Barrett, 30 Birch Point Lane – has sold the property and the realtor advertised in, originally, as a 4 bedroom house. The town records indicate the septic system is rated for a 2 b3edroom house. Per the Site Assessment, the lot cannot support more than a septic system rafted for 2 bedrooms. The broker relisted it, prior to sale, and stated it was a 2 bedroom house.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. The board recognized the situation that has arisen over the recount of votes for Selectman. Charlie Fosberry has obtained an attorney and filed an appeal with the Superior Court challenging the recount process. The board is working with the Town's legal counsel to try to resolve this matter.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Manifest
2. Payroll Manifest
3. Minutes
4. Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in which Federal and State Forest Land is Situated

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Jason Kovarik asked why the results of the recount were not publicized – Charlie Fosberry reported that he was notified at 8:00 that night. It was felt that Dan Eaton had dropped

the ball. Bob Fee said that the board would be getting to the bottom of the issue.

2. Mary Lou Stymest reported that the removal of 9 Ash trees in the New Town Cemetery, that have Emerald Ash Borer and 1 cedar tree that died over the winter would cost \$2722. She noted that the wood could be transported within 5 miles of the cemetery to be burned (possibly for winter heat. The brush must be chipped up. The board signed the purchase order to have the work done.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Covid-19 issues – Chris Madden read the Proclamation on the COVID-19 Response.
The town is requesting face coverings in public establishments and at public meetings.

2. Broadband –

Consolidated option - Michelle Pong reported that she has been in contact with Consolidated Communications and they are quoting \$130 extra per month for high speed internet for the Town Hall and Gould House. She also noted that if the Library wanted to have high speed internet, they are quoting \$119 extra per month. Jason Kovarik tested the internet speed right now at 13.3 down loading and .59 uploading.

3. Tax Payment Plan – Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3 II (c) – the board went into Non-Public Session at 7:40

Bob Fee – yes

Charlie Fosberry – yes

Chris Madden – yes

The board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:56 – Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. King's Highway Update – Michelle Pong reported that DuBois & King, Inc., the engineering firm, is starting to prepare for bids and expects to have the documents ready for bidding by the end of the year.

2. Selectmen's email choice – The Selectmen's standardization email addresses will be updated with Outlook and the board was asked how they would like to have the emails addressed. The standard email will be
(Example – stoddardtreasurer@stoddardnh.org.)

3. Vacation Policy – Charlie Fosberry moved and Bob Fee seconded to accept the vacation policy as written, the board agreed.

4. Vacation Request – non-public – Personnel – The board went into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:16

Bob Fee – yes

Charlie Fosberry – yes

Chris Madden – yes

The board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:20. Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board agreed.

5. Personnel - non-public – The Board went into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:21

Bob Fee – yes

Charlie Fosberry – yes

Chris Madden – yes

The board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:31. Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board agreed

6. Welfare Request – non-public - The board went into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3. II (d) at 8:32

Bob Fee – yes

Charlie Fosberry – yes

Chris Madden – yes

The board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:34. Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board agreed

7. Employee Review - non-public

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 9:09 – the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

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MISC. CORRESPONDENCE: None