

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 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:

#### 1. Harry Power – Building Permits

1. Tax Map # 115, Lot # 66, Seven Trust, The, 80 Tigola Trail has a Permit to Construct a Septic System from 1977 for a 3 bedroom Septic System. There is no record of an Approval for Operation on file. As the property has been listed for sale as a 5 bedroom house and there is no record on file to show this property will support 5 bedrooms. If the property is to remain a seasonal one, there will be nothing required to update the Septic System unless the system fails. A letter to the realtor, David G. Orgaz has been placed in the property record file.

2. Tax Map # 121, Lot # 23, Melissa Aho-Rice & Darren Rice, 216 Fox Run Road – has removed the existing dock, installed concrete pylons and rebuild the dock and then build a structure on that dock. There is no record of a Building Permit for this work. Harry will follow up with the owners.

3. Scott Forcier, Engineer for the Kings Highway Culvert replacement will be meeting with Harry to review any documents on the existing culvert.

4. Tax Map # 105, Lots # 7 & 8. Highland Lake Marina, 1219 Shedd Hill Road – Harry has had a few people interested in the property. Because the Water and Septic Systems are across the road, the State has ruled that the water system is for domestic use and not for commercial use. Harry would have to check with the State on the usability of the existing Septic System

2. Mary Lou Stymest reported that there has been some vandalism on the George & Sally Cahill headstone. A medallion, flag and flag holder has been taken. Mary Lou has left a message for Sarah Cahill but has not heard back from her.

#### 3. Randy Weaver – Fire Department Updates

1. Randy is looking for 3 quotes for the needed Rescue Truck repairs. He is also seeking 3 quotes for repairs to the Rescue Truck body but is only aware of 2 companies that offer those repairs.

2. Randy is researching FEP program for guidance in acquiring a Forestry Truck replacement. This program gets the Fire Department a Forestry vehicle which the town would have to register and insure for a year. After that year the Town would receive a title for the vehicle.

3. Randy is seeking quotes to replace the Popcorn ceiling in the truck bay.

4. P J LaMothe reported that she is applying to the State of New Hampshire for a 2017 Homeland Security Grant.

This grant is for \$6,000 to purchase equipment. EMS in the Warm Zone Equipment Grant Program (application is due by 8/31/2020) requires 75% of the Fire Department personnel to take a one-line training course. This course is for Active Shooter Training. It will require a practical drill that includes participation from the Police Department and Fire & Rescue personnel to participate in.

After that grant is completed, a second grant for \$6,000 is available to purchase equipment for EMS in Operating Zone, which purchases more medical supplies and equipment. .

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: Charlie Fosberry announced that he is opposed to the Town

Clerk/Tax Collector Office moving to the Gould House.

**SIGNED/APPROVED:**

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Payroll Manifest
3. Minutes
4. Non-Public minutes (x4)
5. Pistol/Revolver License (x2)
6. Library Trustee approval (x2)
7. Timber Tax Application

All the above were signed.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** Doug Summerton reported that the electrical light work done on the Gould House and Town Hall has provided a great improvement in the glare problem for the neighbor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Covid-19 issues – no updates
2. Broadband – Jason Kovarik reported that he has scheduled a kick off Zoom meeting on Broadband upgrades for Wednesday, July 29. A member of the Westmoreland Broadband upgrade committee has volunteered to assist in the planning.
3. King's Highway Update – see # 3 under Harry Power's report.
4. Charlie Fosberry read the complaint that was filed with Superior Court on his objection for the recount of the Selectman's position. The Lawyers have suggested there be a new vote. The Selectmen have not agreed to that yet.
5. Michelle Pong updated the PSNH request for abatement of taxes. The BTLA denied the 2015 & 2016 requests and approved the 2014 request. The refund would be \$62,409.00. George Sansoucy, our assessor for utilities, advised holding off paying and suggested the Town could credit that amount against the 2020 taxes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Veteran Tax Credit Application – Michelle Pong reported that the application is incomplete.
2. Street Light Diffuser approval – Michelle Pong reported that the 4 street lights that need shields will cost \$850.00 to shade glare.
3. Building Improvements
  1. Ramp at Town Hall – Options are to fix the ramp for \$1,200 or repair and make the ramp ADA compliant for \$4,900. Steve McGerty asked if it would be wiser to get a lift to replace the ramp entirely. Michelle Pong agreed to seek a quote for the lift.
  2. Town Clerk/Tax Collector to Gould House – Michelle Pong will get quotes to move the office.
4. Shed at Transfer Station – Michelle Pong reported that there is a 12 X 14 X 7 shed for \$4,600 or a 10 X 12 shed for \$3,600. Michelle would have to get quotes to install insulation and electricity in the shed.
5. School Street Expansion – The idea of the expansion was to provide more parking along the street. The idea was to widen the Town's share of the road. It ends at the end of the 10' paving in the parking lot. David Vaillancourt is planning on completing the expansion

this year.

6. Set Date for Joint meeting with School Board (August 13, 2020 – 6 pm) – at the School, the Selectmen agreed to that date.
7. Ten Year Plan Transportation Improvement Projects (suggestions for local improvements) Bob Fee reported that Route 123 over Pitcher Mountain should have piping installed, heavy gravel placed and then the surface paved.
8. NH Municipal Work Zone Agreement (Rt. 9 culverts) – Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to approve the agreement – the board agreed. Michelle Pong reported that replacement culverts along Route 9 near Route 123 South are scheduled for next year and would take about 3 months to replace.
9. The board went into Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3 II ( c ) @ 7:57 PM:

Charlie Fosberry – Yes  
Bob Fee – Yes  
Chris Madden – Yes

The board came out of Non-Public Session @ 8:00 PM  
Chris Madden moved and Bob Fee seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely, the board agreed.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: Chris Madden moved and Bob Fee seconded to adjourn at 8:06, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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Charles Fosberry

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Christopher Madden

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Robert Fee

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**Stoddard Town Hall**  
**AGENDA**  
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SELECTMEN PROCLAMATION

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Permits

Randy Weaver – FD Update

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PUBLIC COMMENT

MISC. CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT