

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 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 – Building Permits

1. Tax Map # 105 Lot# 07 & 08 – Highland Lake Marina, 1219 Shedd Hill Road, Harry read a letter concerning the water situation from Ms. Fobiano of the NH Department of Environmental Services.

2. Tax Map # 422 Lot # 20.3, Chessie Holdings – DBA Monadnock Boat Store, 830 Route 9, request to have a Utility Dealer Registration Station. The board noted that this would be a change in use and they would have to apply to the Planning Board for a change in use and to the Zoning Board for a Special Exception for that change in use.

3. Tax Map # 124, Lot # 12, Sean & Jennifer Scott, 60 West Shore Circle, built a huge wall and backfilled it. Harry notified them that they are in violation of the Shoreland Protection. Harry suggested that the owners to contact Forrest Designs, who they have employed in the past, and discuss their options regarding this violation.

4. Tax Map # 121, Lot # 23, Darren & Melissa Rice, 216 Fox Run Road, Harry found the owners placed sauna tubes at the water's edge to support a new, rebuilt deck and gazebo, without a required building permit for the construction. In addition, the patio that is under construction, did not have a building permit or Shoreland Permit as required for soil disruption in the protected zone. Harry advised them to cease construction, which they apparently ignored. Harry has notified Jeff Blecharczyk of the violations.

5. Tax Map # 129, Lot # 14.1, Jane Whitten, 1369 Route 123 North, applied to build a screened in porch, approved.

Tax Map # 424, Lot # 8, Tracy Keating Gunn, 537 Aten Road, applied to build a tree house, approved.

7:15 - FD Update on Grant – NIMS Resolution – P J LaMothe presented a Resolution for adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for the board to sign. This is required for the Town to qualify for the Grant. The board agreed and signed the resolution.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Bob Fee reported that the Hidden Lake Association has a problem about parking boats and trucks along the road. There were a few phone calls (out of State phone numbers) complaining that the parking vehicles could not pass. Bob reported that he double checked the parking situation and could drive up Route 123. He did say at 30 MPH no problem, 60 MPH would have a problem. Good Spirit Bass Masters from Woburn, MA had 3 fishing people who did not have a state fishing license. Bob noted that it is legal to park along the road as long as the tires are not touching the white line. He suggested that future parking for fishing tournaments could be placed along School Street and be shuttled back and forth to the lake. Bob will write a letter to Good Spirit Bass Masters to prohibit them from using town boat launches.

2. Michelle Pong said she has received a detailed description of the Route 9 culvert replacement project, slated for next year. She will forward a copy to each – the Zoning Board of

Adjustment and the Planning Board.

3. Michelle Pong reported that she has received a request for the Selectmen's meetings be made accessible via Zoom. Steve McGerty asked how many participated when the meetings were only processed via ZOOM. That number was unknown. The board took the request under advisement

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Payroll Manifest
3. Minutes 7/27/2020
4. Non-Public minutes
5. Pistol/Revolver License
6. Abatement requests to Tax Collector (x4)

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Steve McGerty asked if the Selectmen were getting a raise this year – answer – no.
2. Steve McGerty reported that Michael Wilder, D/B/A Homeland Landscaping & Property Maintenance had charged an extra \$550 for expanding the parking spot for the trailer even though the original quote included the 20' parking spot. Michelle Pong will check this out. Note: This job was awarded before purchase orders were in use.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Covid-19 issues
Abated interest on 1st issue 2020 taxes – set end date. – Chris Madden moved and Bob Fee seconded to end the tax interest abatements at September 30, 2020, the board so voted.
2. Broadband – Jason Kovarik introduced Gent Cav, from Fibercast who explained the Fibercast has purchased the Pine Tree Cable wiring and has approval from the State of NH as of 8/10/2020 to install phase 1 fiber optic lines to be up and running by 12/15/2020. They are also planning phase 2 & 3 to string more cables from the existing Pine Tree Cable cabling to locations not now having cabling. He explained that they are starting at 1 Sumer Street, Boston, MA to connect the Pine Tree Cable wiring for fiber optics. They plan to offer Cable TV and Internet in the future. The cost to hook up to their wiring will be \$75 for up to 125' and \$125 for up to 300'. The monthly fee will be \$60 - \$70 depending on the speed desired. Bob Fee said he was a subscriber of Pine Tree Cable and the experience was terrible.
To construct a shed for electronic equipment to service the fiber optics will require application to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review and to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a Special Exception. The boards will work with Fibercast to expedite the applications due to the tight deadline. A building Permit will also be required. Fibercast is setting up a website to keep the public informed of progress (www.stoddardnh.net) and a phone number (446-1000) for folks to call for updates. Bob Fee also recalled that Fairpoint has a grant to install cabling, which was done poorly and then they filed for bankruptcy. Bob said he would not tolerate poor installation with Fibercast.
3. King's Highway Update – Michelle Pong reported that the engineers, working on the culvert replacement, are working on a possible temporary bridge to allow for construction equipment to travel to the Hidden Lake Development to work on Building

Permits already issued. The board noted that some of the Building Permits are set to expire but the board will allow expanding the deadline, depending on case by case requests.

4. Shed at Transfer Station – Michelle Pong reported that a 12 X 14 shed was quoted to her for \$4325.00. This cost would need to be increased to include insulation and electrical wiring. Bob Fee said the existing shed is 10 X 12. Michelle will request a quote for that size shed and also research the cost of insulation and wiring.
5. Building Improvements
ADA Ramps – tabled until next meeting
Town Clerk/Tax Collector improvements – awaiting a quote for this work.
6. Veteran Tax Credit Application – Tabled as still incomplete

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider posting Tax bills online – Michelle Pong said this would entail a PDF being placed on the town's website. Bob Fee moved and Chris Madden seconded to post this and the board approved.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 8:25, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

JOINT SELECTMEN/SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6 PM
James Faulkner Elementary School – Lucy B. Hill Community Room

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Stoddard Town Hall
AGENDA
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7:00 pm

SELECTMEN PROCLAMATION

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