

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2019

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. Jim Coffey was on vacation.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 Harry Power, Permits

1. Tax Map # 422, Lot # 07 – Matthew & Karen Gallo, 130 Richer road, remove existing house and replace with modular home, approved.

2. Tax Map # 126, Lot # 57 – James & Amber Fallon, 32 Stone Road, add deck, approved.

7:30 Karen Bell met with the board to discuss when Linda would stop working as Town Clerk and Karen would start. She noted that Jen Wells has resigned from her position as Assistant Town Clerk. Karen said she had received a request to hire Patty Marotta as Assistant Town Clerk and she had agreed.

8:00 Geoff Jones – (Bob Fee warned Mr. Jones that he expected the presentation to be civil) Mr. Jones presented a bundle of documentation to back up his claim that the Board of Selectmen had agreed to remove the light in front of his house. A lengthy discussion ensued. Helen Tam-Semmens described a detailed report of findings by the American Medical Association that concluded that the blue light emitted from LED lights was harmful to wildlife, insects and humans.

Mr. Jones said the town voted to have the lights replaced to save money on electrical charges. Rex Rodanas expressed his concern with the light across from his house and that he had invested in expensive light blocking shades to help his family to sleep. He wanted to know if a reflector could be installed on the light.

Mrs. Jones said the light on Shedd Hill Road, in front of the Jones house partially shines on Old Antrim Road making it confusing to drivers as to where the corner ends and the bridge begins. Chief McGerty was on the board at the time the decision was made to replace the lights to save considerable money on electricity.

Paul Crosby said he was in favor of the change but has since learned that the lights are harmful and he would change his vote, if the occasion came up.

Chris Madden said Eversource will not support the old lights and so they cannot be returned to previous lights. Jim Coffey has said he will have deflectors installed if contacted.

Geoffrey Jones the board to honor their previous vote and removed the light in front of his house.

Chris Madden said the light is valuable to him, given that he travels the road at all kinds of hours for his work.

Jason Kovarik said he would submit a petition to have a meeting to discuss the lights and redesigning them.

Sandy Sherman said she would like to see another design considered.

Geoffrey Jones asked for a public apology. Chris Madden refused to do so.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Bob Fee said he would like to have a punch list created, via an Excel spreadsheet, with a span of time for each item to be accomplished. This would help keep track of projects that have been agreed upon to do. He will start with a draft, to include fence repairs at the Transfer Station,

culvert replacement on Kings Highway and bridge repairs. Bob will submit a copy to Jim Coffey for his consideration and bring it to the next board meeting. The board approved the idea.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. Minutes of May 13, 2019
3. Non-Public Minutes of May 13, 2019
4. Property Tax Warrant (Duplicate with name correction.)
5. Friend of the Davis Public Library, Use of Town Hall, August 9.
6. Use of Town Hall by Town Clerk for June 1.
7. Report of Appropriations Actual Voted (MS-232)
8. Town Hall rental by Davis Public Library for 6/29 & 7/27
9. Intent to Cut – Harris Center

All the above were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Chief McGerty reported that there are 2 more folks which wish to be fire fighters. When asked, he said that each fire fighter's gear costs about \$500 + turn out gear. Noreen Durand asked if it is legal for a citizen to pay for the gear. Jim Coffey will have to determine that.

Chief McGerty announced that the PTO would be holding a car wash at the Fire Station on June 15th.

Chief McGerty said an AED that used to be in the Police Chief's cruiser has quit working. He is going to replace it from the Fire Department's budget (\$1400). The Police Chief had given it to the Fire Department, as they are usually first responders to accident scenes.

Chief McGerty presented a list of items concerning town employees and their remunerations. He presented his ideas for saving money by having contracts for each position.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval for Town Administrator to purchase four year on-site service for LUCAS device used by Stoddard Fire Department. Charlie Fosberry moved and Bob Fee seconded to approve the purchase.
2. Answer to Richard Betz on refund request – the board took it under advisement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Selection of Board Chairman for ensuing year. Charlie Fosberry moved and Bob Fee seconded to appoint Chris Madden Chairman, the board approved.
2. Approval for purchase by Chief Vaillancourt of two Colt M4 Monolithic, 5.56MM, see proposal for details. The board agreed.
3. Complaint of junk on property, unsigned. Dean Huber admitted that the location is at his property and has been working with his son to get it cleaned up.
4. Start process to fill & renew appointed positions that have lapsed, or are still unfilled. No positions were filled.
5. SWRPC annual meeting announcement. Bob and Charlie cannot attend. Chris will check his calendar and get back to me.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice on resurfacing project from DOT
2. BTLA A-9 from Brotherhood of Hope

ADJOURN: Bob Fee moved and Charlie Fosberry seconded to adjourn at 8:55, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

Robert Fee

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