

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2019

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

Attendees included Christopher Madden, Chairman of Selectmen, Charles Fosberry, Selectman, James Coffey, 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 # 422, Lot # 12.2, Amy & Patrick Dowsett, Juniper Hill Road, New House, approved.
2. Tax Map # 101, Lot # 100, Mark & Dale Johnson, 19 Bowrun Terrace, held for PUC #
3. Tax Map # 139, Lot # 12&13, Andrea Kingsbury, 64 Cove Woods Road, sent to ZBA
4. Tax Map # 139, Lot # 12&13, Andrea Kingsbury, 64 Cove Woods Road, Addition – approved.
5. Tax Map # 124, Lot # 01, Lynn Bohlen, 150 Whitney Road – Harry wrote her a letter indicating that she would have to apply for a Building Permit if she plans to reconstruct the top of her building, which has been removed. He also advised that if she rebuilds the upper half she will have to keep the bedrooms to 2. If she wishes to increase the number of bedrooms, she will have to amend the State Approved Septic System to accommodate the increased bedrooms.

7:20 Karen Bell – no show

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

1. Charlie Fosberry asked where the tree was located that Chief McGerty asked permission to cut at a former meeting – it is at the New Fire Station.

SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. Accounts Payable Manifest
2. P/R Manifest
3. Minutes of 8/26/2019
4. GIS Internet Agreement with CAI Technologies
5. Letter(s) for Monadnock Boat Store
6. Land Use Change Tax Warrant
7. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
8. Pistol/Revolver License
9. George Sansoucy Contract

All the above were signed except the A/P Manifest which Charlie Fosberry refused to sign, due to some items for the Rescue Boat. The Treasurer will await Bob Fee's return for the second signature required to issue checks.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

1. Chief McGerty asked for an update on the widening of School Street. He understood that the widening was to be done on the shoulders and he said that has not been done. Jim Coffey said the widening was done on the Town's right of way along School Street and that the school had provided \$5,000 to do work on the parking lot. The Board will talk to David Vaillancourt about the job.

2. Chief McGerty reported that the door replacement on the Old Fire Station, previously being quoted at \$200 turned out to be \$700, due to the fact that all Commercial Buildings must

have doors that open outward.

3. Chief McGerty asked how much money remained in the Building Repair budget. Jim Coffey said there was between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and it is in the Trustees of Trust Funds investments.

4. Chief McGerty asked Charlie Fosberry why he did not sign the raises for a Fire Fighter and an EMT. He told Charlie Fosberry that each member had completed 160 hours of training to earn the raise. Charlie said he did not know that.

5. Douglas Summerton asked why Dominic Busto was at the Transfer Station last week. The answer was that he was checking stickers.

6. Douglas Summerton asked about the accident on Kings Highway last week. He said the car was off the road. Chief McGerty said the driver passed a sobriety test and the passenger was alcoholically impaired.

7. Douglas Summerton asked if it would be cost effective to abolish the Police Department and contract with the Sheriff to cover the town. He was concerned that the police patrols seem to issue warnings and do not pass out many tickets. The board said it would discuss the situation with Chief Vaillancourt. Chris Madden said he didn't think the Sheriff would respond more timely.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed engineering agreement for 2 Kennedy Brook culverts on King's Highway. Jim Coffey reported that he has a bid of \$9,200 to replace the culverts – the board authorized Jim Coffey to sign the contract with Dubois and King to design and apply for permits to allow the replacements to be done. When completed this work will allow David Vaillancourt to do the replacements.
2. Notice of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval – noted
3. Proposed generator bid notice. Jim Coffey presented a draft for requests for bids to supply a standby generator for the Fire Station.
4. Jim Coffey said he has a request for bids to do the landscaping at the Old Fire Station going out this week. He is meeting one interested contractor at the Old Fire Station on Thursday at 11:00 AM. He asked Chief McGerty to let him know if the Chief knew of any contractors interested in bidding.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Funding request from the American Red Cross for 2020 – They are asking for an increase to \$1,000 for the next budget.
2. NH DOT notice of public hearings for projects scheduled 2012-2030 – This will be passed on to the Planning Board.
3. Letter from George Sansoucy relating to 2014-2017 BTLA appeals by PSNH. He is suggesting that an additional \$6,000 be budgeted. Jim Coffey reported that the Town won several of the years' court orders and recommended holding to see how the court rules on the final appeal.

4. MS-434 Jim Coffey recommended the board take \$150,000 of the surplus and return it to the tax payers.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

1. DES Environmental News
2. Notice of modification of Granite State Telephone boundaries.
3. Water testing results – are all within safe limits
4. Notice of Shoreland Permit Application for Tax Map 137, Lot 48, also known as 143 Lake Road. This address is actually 143 North Shore Road.
5. 2020 Important Dates for Local Officials from the New Hampshire Municipal Association – Jim Coffey noted that the Town Meeting in 2020 will fall on May 12 for voting and the deliberative session will fall on May 19.

ADJOURN: Charlie Fosberry move and Chris Madden seconded to adjourn at 8:20, the board approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia E. Putnam
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

Charles Fosberry

Christopher Madden

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