

TOWN OF STODDARD  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022  
TOWN HALL – 7 PM

**MINUTES**

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees include Stephen McGerty – Chair, Christopher Madden – Selectmen, Robert Fee – Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator and Harry Power.

Guests include many members of the Public

Presentation – Solid Waste Management:

Bob Maden, Joe Traniello and Michelle Pong – Committee

Looked at the cost of solid waste to the tax payer, looks at other towns and statewide data, and problems we have. The study is showing Stoddard has more tonnage per household than Hillsborough, Alstead, Gilsum and Marlow and pay higher costs. From State NHDES records show Stoddard has a 41% construction and demo intake. 7% for recycling and the rest is household trash. Stoddard is the 10<sup>th</sup> highest rate in the state for tonnage intake on Construction/Demo. Stoddard has no charges for dumping, all other towns have fees for the use of the dump. There is no enforcement of Town Policies.

Solutions to the existing cost to the taxpayer – Fair handling and distribution of dump stickers. 2 different types of stickers – Full Access to all town full-time residents including those renters who live full-time in Stoddard and owners of rental property, sticker affixed to windshield. A Limited Access pass to the rental properties for limited stay promptly displayed on dash.

Construction/Demo permits for the use of the dump to limit the 1 truck load per week given to the citizens. Enforcement – checking stickers making sure they are current and correct. If you do not comply with the rules, you may lose your privileges. Have no Commercial Dumping as there is now stated in Town Policy. By Contract Waste Management is supposed to uphold and enforce Town Policy.

Appointments:

Harry Power:

126-55 – make change to minutes of 7-25-200-22 stating deck not hot tub without permit.

417-09 – Built shed without a permit. Paid \$400.00 – double the permit for fine.

124-12, Scott on Whitney Rd Circle – wants to rebuild barn on property following the footprint of 24 X 32. Will have dumpster on site. Paid \$300.00

424-18 – Mohrden – Aten Raod – New Home Paid \$500.00

103-17 – E Shore Drive – Tear down existing house. Build new on footprint of old house, no additional bedrooms. Dumpster on site. Paid \$500.00

Stoddard Fire & Rescue  
Trevor Anderson – Chief

3 Purchase Orders:

1. \$2900.00 to send 2 current EMTS Liam Edson & Kendra Melamed to Advanced Level Training.
2. Laptop Replacement - \$1,385 - \$925.00 for the laptop and up to 4 hours of labor for installation and set up of programs.
3. CAD distribution system - \$1,000.00 per year for software fee.

**All Signed & Approved.**

To Be Signed/Approved:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 7/25/2022
3. Non – Public Minutes of 7/25/2022
4. Parade Permit – New England Run for the Fallen

**Chris Motioned to make change in Minutes of 7/25/2022 from the word hot tub to deck in the Appointment section for 126-55. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Stephen Motioned to accept the Minutes of 7/25/2022 with correction made. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned to Accept the Non-Public Minutes of 7/25/2022. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**All Signed & Approved**

Trevor Anderson – Fire Chief –

There will be Brush Fire Training on September 25, 2022 towns included Stoddard, Marlow, Antrim, Gilsum and Nelson. Primex has verified that we are covered for liability and other towns are responsible for coverage of their own department participants.

New Business:

Animal Control in the Development –

Edward Warren – Does she have the authority to do patrols without written consent of the Association?

Once the control officer has received a complaint verbal or written she must respond and obey town ordinance and state law. She can only enter once a complaint has been made. She can not just make a patrol of the area with no complaint issued.

Old Business:

Chassis for Fire Truck – pay delayed interest up front or add to the loan itself.

**Chris Motioned to pay the delayed interest up front. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

Accept Emergency Management Director – Dan Eaton – postponed to next meeting.

North Shore Road – Run off Controls –

Derek Walton new President of the Granite Lake Association. Thanks for the improvements on North Shore Road. Have some raw open ditches that still have to be addressed. The Association is willing to help fund money for this project to help drainage problems with fabric, gravel and help offset labor costs.

Can the deeper ditches be marked in some way for safety concerns? Dave will work on this.

New Business – Continued

Red Room – Gould House – Want to waive the fee on the renting of the room for the 250<sup>th</sup> planning of the Town Celebration.

**Stephen Motioned to waive the fee. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

Block Grant for Municipal Bridge Funding – Unanticipated funds of \$29,954.00 granted to Stoddard. Has to be spent on bridges. Schedule Public Meeting to accept funds and uses of funds. Has to be spent on new work can not pay for work already done. One suggestion is the bridge on Shedd Hill Road.

Conservation Committee Resignations –  
Scott Semmens & Helen Tam-Semmens

**Stephen Motioned to Accept the Resignations. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

Michelle mentioned a correspondence from Cheshire County that they will be holding a meeting August 10, 2022 at 7 PM at the Cheshire County Hall. Increasing the budget by over \$4 million dollars. No tax increases.

Bob Fee – Geoff Jones is asking for \$22,000.00 in administrative fees for the project Little Big Forest. Fees to include administrative fees, timber assessment and assisting the Surveyor. This is donated money from the public for this project and grants. Believes the public has a right to know how their money is being spent. He has not been paid anything yet, the matter was tabled at the conservation commission meeting. Anybody can attend these meetings. They are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 7 PM at the Town Hall. If it is to be a zoom meeting Bob will post the details on the Stoddard Residents Facebook page.

**Chris Motioned to leave Public Meeting @ 8:41 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned to go into Non-Public Meeting RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned to go into Public Meeting @ 8:48 PM. Stephen Seconded.**

**Chris Motioned to seal the Non-Public Meeting Minutes for 30 days. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.**

**Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting @ 8:48 PM. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 PM

Submitted

Vickie Williams – Secretary

Stephen McGerty\_\_\_\_\_

Christopher Madden\_\_\_\_\_

Robert Fee \_\_\_\_\_