

Town of Stoddard
Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023
Town Hall – 7 PM

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees include – Christopher Madden – Chair, Robert Fee – Selectmen, Stephen McGerty – Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Vickie Williams – Secretary and Harry Power- Compliance Officer

Guests include Joe Traniello, Noreen & Ray Durand, Margo Santoro, Bob Maden, Kathleen R Duward, Anita Shaw, Geri Bailey, Mark Gailey, Jason Kovarik, Terri LaRoche and Greg Pollack

Appointments:

Harry Power – Compliance Officer

129 – 1 – Ross & Vickie Williams – solar panels – PD \$50.00

121-9 – Patton – Went to ZBA granted conditions. PD \$200.00 within the 50 ft buffer zone granted NHDES approval

Received permit for cell tower, for an extension of side. On Route 9. Nothing being changed, no site plan needed. Verizon going on tower.

To Be Signed/Approved:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 2/27/2023
3. Payroll Approval (x2)

Chris Motioned to Accept the Minutes as written for 2/27/2023. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Bob Motioned to Accept the Fire application for new employee. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Bob Maden - Should the Selectmen look at the pay as you go for the Transfer Station. Also styrofoam recycling. Should we have a separate container at the Transfer Station.

Could we place the 250th committee minutes on the website and also the meeting schedule

Terri LaRoche – Recreation Fund, town funded. – was set up in 1999 for a fund for the ballfield. It was only called a Recreation Fund. Can the Selectmen look into this to see if it can be used for different things like the 250th Celebration or reestablished for other purposes.

Unallocated funds – included in this is our unpaid taxes. If there are excess we could do a tax offset, pay off debt. We do not know what are unallocated funds will be for the year until the budget is set for next year.

Article 26 – voted for Town Treasurer to be appointed. The current Treasurer will serve out her term. The Treasurer serving out her term was approved by the Town Attorney and the DRA.

Budget to be approved at next meeting. Will have to have public meeting at least 7 days before Town Meeting.

Terri emailed Brenda Bryer concerning LBF. Physical years 2021 and 2022. Came up with the same numbers. Pat will cut check to the Trustees.

Margo – Minutes from the Aug 22, 2022 minutes. – There was no vote and no non-public meeting, the request for the non public session was never 2nd. Therefore there was no non-public meeting. Bob recused himself and walked out of the meeting. The Select Board has no jurisdiction of the Fire Dept.

Chris Motioned to do nothing with this issue it is in the hands of the Fire Department. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Insulation at the Fire Dept – Have a quote for \$8,000.00, should get another quote. This is over the Fire Dept budget. Look into NH Saves to get a municipality grant.

During the last couple of storms had a leak near the chimney in the Gould House was fixed for \$600.00. The 3rd floor of the Gould house has a mold problem. Have talked to contractors to get quotes. There is also pest up there mice/squirrel. \$ 3,650.00 quote from Terminex Before spending \$8,000.00 on the Fire Dept. the Gould House needs the work more. Have to take out the wallboard, three feet beyond the mold and all installation. Is this covered by Town insurance.

LBF - Geoff Jones – tabled the article for \$140,000.00. Terri after going through the books, will bring down the amount we need to \$63,000.00. This has to be approved by the attorney and Dra. Will need dates for reimbursement. LBF will pay the money back to the town by Dec. 2024. Need Minutes accepting the Moose Plate Grant. Need a signed letter of authorization to accept the funds. Grant agreement to be signed. Attorney is looking over the draft deed.

Stephen Motioned for the Town Administrator (Michelle Pong) to accept the funds and sign the contract for the NH State Conservation Commission Moose Plate Grant. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Questions of LFB – what happens if this is not voted through during town meeting, do you have a back up plan to cover this money. You can amend an article but you can not bring another

article to the town at that time. Should have a second article in place if the first one fails. Any public meeting or hearings set up before the purchase date?

New Business:

Fee Waiver Town Hall – LBF fee waiver – deposit of \$100.00 will be returned if Town Hall is cleaned.

Chris Motioned to waive the fee. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Historical Society waiver of fee/deposit for Town Hall Rental

Bob Motioned to waive the fee/deposit for Town Hall Rental. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Letter of agreement for Assessing Services. Tammy is training Debbie to take over as Assessor.

Chris Motioned to sign Agreement. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Raffle Permit for the Fire Dept.

Chris Motioned to grant the Permit. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

NHDES sent in an application for shoreland permit

Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting @8:32 PM. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to go into Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3,II(c) &8:33 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris – yes, Bob – yes and Stephen yes

Chris Motioned to come out of Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II(c) @ 8:53 PM. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to seal the Non-Public minutes. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to close the Public Meeting @ 8:55 PM. Stephen Seconded. Motion Carried.

Submitted

Vickie Williams – Secretary

Chris Madden_____

Robert Fee_____

Stephen McGerty_____