

Selectmen Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021
Town Hall – 7 – PM

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees included Robert Fee – Chair, Christopher Madden – Selectmen, Stephen McGerty – Selectmen (via zoom), Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Harry Power – Compliance Office and Vickie Williams – Secretary.

Guests included Joe Traniello, Mike Angell, Noreen & Ray Durand, Karen Bell – Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Brian Michaud – Deputy Fire Chief and Randy Weaver – Fire Chief.

Chris motioned to leave the Non-Public meeting of 10/25/2021. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

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

Bob called to order the Public Meeting of November 8, 2021.

Appointments:

Harry Power – Compliance Officer

124-04 David & Sandi Sulkowski – Complaint filed of them putting sand in at shoreline. The sand has been removed. Pictures Harry took put into Property Record File. Issue has been resolved.

418-122 Donall & Joyce Healy – Building Permit – Sent letter to Harry asking if the permit can be signed without the permit from NHDES, that will be approved in about 3 weeks. Cabin with a bath & kitchen open concept. Wants to pour foundation this month. Harry will visit site.

418-02 Donall Healy – Building Permit for workshop no bathroom.
Has paid \$800 in total for both permits. Pat given the checks.

123-02 Jeffrey & Angela Bush – Permit issued after he built. \$300 dollars owed. The still have not paid the permit.

112-16 Jennifer Bilodeau – NHDES sent letter of complaint cleared area to shoreland. No Permit was issued. Has 20 days to respond to the State.

115/82 Northbound Ventures LLC. Harry has sent a letter stating that there permit expires on April 18, 2022 and no work has been done. It also states that the structure can not be occupied til a State approved septic system is in place, due to weather conditions believe it can not be completed in time. Harry will need a completion of the time line from the owners or have it forwarded for legal action. Letter put in Property Record File.

Protection Road/Road #1 – Harry and Michelle met and went over old records of the Selectmen Minutes. March of 1873 Selectmen Minutes states – The Town will vote to discontinue from the Nelson Road near Centre Pond by the Obed Hale place to the Sullivan Road west of Sumner Knight house. From the indication of the records it indicates that only the Northern Section of the road was discontinued. Michelle and Vickie will continue with research on the Property Records at the Registry of Deeds. The Winships did sign a road waiver to maintain a Class VI Road.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):
None

To Be Signed/Approved:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes of 10/25/2021

Signed & Approved

Old Business:

BTLA – Payment is due. Michelle has been trying to get them to waive the interest, no solution yet.

Chris motioned to pay the \$11,622 and change. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Compelling Car Registration:

This is an issue between Town Clerks for a legal address to be established. Then a Town can compel them to register the car in the Town or State they are living. This is an active ongoing issue that the Town Clerk is working on.

School Registration:

Bob contacted the Chairman of the School Board and was told the only thing needed to register a child in the School is a current utility bill in their name at an address in that Town.

New Business:

Fire Dept Purchase Requests – Randy Weaver & Brian Michaud

Tires for Engine #1, Bracket for monitor to be mounted in truck and Door Locks for the Fire Station.

All signed & approved.

Randy also noted that he has no update yet on the new truck
Michelle had no update on getting a fiber link into the Fire Dept. yet.
An EMS Grant from the state has been signed by Randy. Waiting for State signature. They will need a Stoddard Police Officer at the site on a Saturday in January as part of the grant requirements.

Deed Research Info from Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Karen Bell
Liens to be deeded to Town for non payment of taxes. Karen has done research for 2 years and a day as required. Has gotten advice to waive the deeding as it is her first full year in office. A deed waiver would have to be signed for each property and recorded at The Registry of Deeds.

Approve Rental of Town Hall –
Baby shower for Sarah Courchesne Saturday, November 20 2021.

Signed & Approved

Yield Tax Warrant –
Timber Tax – Approval for Tax Collector to send bill Tax Map 121-01 John & Renee Newby
Signed & Approved

Correspondence –
Brian Michaud Letter of Retirement as Deputy Fire Chief, effective as of Jan 1, 2022. The Board Thanked Brian for his service to the Town.

Budgeting:

Fire Department – Overall going up 2.2 percent, basically due to higher prices of fuel and medical supplies. Added one line item for an app called Spotted Dog. Sends exact information on the call to them directly and all reports from anyone else at the scene. It costs \$700 dollars for the year service. Will look into a fiber connection for the Fire Dept.

Fire Warden – Budget will stay the same from last year.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – increased postage, vital statistics and payroll. Most line items were combined under Town Clerk as the job merged into 1. A few exceptions under the Tax Collector are Bill processing, lien research, postage and Registry expenditures as they must be kept separate from Town Clerk records. One item of note \$40 dollar line item for phone which should be included under the Executive Budget.

Cemeteries – Over budget due to unexpected tree cutting and stone damage. Raised the Professional Service budget line item

Planning Board – Level funding this year with the exception of redoing the Master Plan. Want to add a \$4,000 line item for mapping and printing of New Master Plan. Will check with the Conservation Commission to see if can be reduced. They have a mapping software system that they may be able to help the Planning Board.

Police – increase in line items for postage, fuel and payroll. Question about Police Details. Dave would be able to answer this better, but Police Detail is above and beyond their normal working hours. Board believes the increase is needed to hire another Part-Time Officer. Will check the payrates of Towns in the area for pay and base a budget for payroll based on comparable pay.

Highway – Increase for fuel & Vegetation Management. Road Improvement plan for the next year is to repave the bottom of Shedd Hill Road both sides.

Public Comment – Non Agenda Items Only
None

Chris motioned to go into Non Public Meeting RSA 91A:3, III. Bob Seconded. Motion carried.

Chris motioned to come out of Non Public Meeting. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Bob motioned to go back into the Public Meeting. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Bob motioned to seal the Non Public Minutes. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Bob motion to increase the pay of the Deputy Tax Collector Clerk from \$18.00 to \$20.00 and the Assist Town Clerk from \$15.00 to \$18.00 and to Keep Town Clerk/Tax Collector the same. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris motioned that the outstanding liens of habitual offenders be deeded including Francis Felpo. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried

Michelle handed out a Non Public RSA about meeting notes. She has been hearing things discussed in public about non public items where the minutes are sealed. She wants to caution all board members of this and that such actions can cause a board member to be removed.

Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 PM

Submitted Vickie Williams – Secretary

Robert Fee _____

Christopher Madden _____

Stephen McGerty _____