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Town of Stoddard
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, July 24, 2023
Town Hall 7 PM

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attendees include: Christopher Madden – Chair, Robert Fee – Selectmen, Terri LaRoche – Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Vickie Williams – Secretary and Harry Power – Compliance Officer

Guests include: Charles Richmond, Leigh Fosberry, Charlie Fosberry, Margo Santoro, Aaron Bryer, Dan Madden, Craig Walker, Mary Walker, Tim & Becky Treat, Jason Kovarik, J Korinrik(?), Jaelynn Stetson, Kathleen Durward, Gerri Baily, Mark Bodry(?), Bob Winterbottom, Jill Fise(?), Ken Henningre, Loren Patal(?), Ernie Getty, Geoff Jones, Noreen & Ray Durand and Dick & Anita Shaw

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Geoff Jones, Jason Kovarik, Jaelyn Stetson, Aaron Bryer and Bob Fee

1. Officially recognize that the Conservation Commission does not need the \$63,000.00 set aside at Town Meeting for the purchase of the LBF.
2. Recognize that the LBF was purchased without tax payer money.
3. Request letter from Board of Selectmen acknowledging the important contribution/opportunity to the Town and JFES.

Bob Motioned to write letter to Conservation Commission how important the project was for the Town and JFES. Chris Seconded. Motion Carried.

4. Boudary Line Adjustment – to be heard in Non-Public Session.
5. Follow-up Grant Requirements – Major grants have met or will meet all requirements. 8 foundations notified money went for the purchase.
6. LBF Stewardship – Schedule public listening sessions for community input. Have 120 days to submit a finalized management plan. Will have a sub-committee for Stewardship. Need to have at least 1 public access point. Walker Road, trail access to cabin, or off Shedd Hill Road. Will have to have a Kiosk built, will have maps, brief history of LBF, list of activities allowed. Geoff will provide a map with the 3 locations marked off. Will cost \$2,000.00 for a kiosk up to \$6,000.00 if you have one at each entrance. Everyone told all money donated would go to property, project costs & stewardship of LBF.

Need to make line items for the costs for bookkeeping purposes. Budget needs to be voted on and approved by the Conservation Commission. Now that the money is here it needs to be line itemized and organized into the categories accepted by the DRA. There is \$124,000.00 still in the account for LBF with another \$60,000.00 expected.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Access Road should be on a Town owned road and consider secondary access.

In future may want to set up with a non-profit organization to make it a separate entity.

Don't think it's a good idea to have a non-profit on Town property.

Project will not be a burden to the Town.

7. JFES Involvement and use – Met July 14th with JFES, they will submit a list of possible uses, formalize a relationship between JFES and LBF. JFES has an outdoor curriculum they want to expand. An anonymous doner gave \$12,500.00 for transportation or educational way to connect the JFES students with LBF. Need to figure out how to set this up and how to use the money, must be used within the year.
8. August 19 – will have a celebration for the 289 donors of LBF at the Lake Falls Lodge. The Lodge can hold 100 – 150 people.
9. Stewardship – balace as of July 17, 2023 is \$124,186.52. Conservation Fund has \$17,000.00(town fund) and \$28,000.00 in outstanding expenses. An additional \$75,000.00 expected. \$60,000.00 from the Bailey Foundation and \$15,000.00 from encroachments and exclusions (Walker/Pollock).
10. Other issues – Pioneer Lake Access Rd Culvert was damaged this will have to be looked at and fixed. It is stable at the moment.
SPNHF Forever Wild CE paperwork needs to be amended to acknowledge the existing PSNH ROW for access & maintenance.

Invoice from Eva Road Association – for private road maintenance. There is an additional \$650.00 bill for road repair due to storm damage. Eva Rd Assoc does not have a w-9 form. Michelle is working on the logistics of payments with Eva Rd Assoc. This payment should be made from LBF funds. All bills for the private road will be sent to the Conservation Commission to be paid from those LBF funds.

Chris Motioned the Town will pay the \$650.00 fee for the road repair due to storm damage to the Eva Road Association. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Conservation Commission: Jason Motioned the Conservation Commission will pay the Town \$650.00 for the road repairs. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Richard Whitney donated over 100 hours to do a drawing/painting, sold the Town the reproduction rights. The Conservation Commission can then use reprints to sell and collect revenue this way.

8:20 PM – WENT INTO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED SELECTMEN'S MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment to Trustee of the Trust Funds – Maureen Meyer

Chris Motioned to Appoint Maureen Meyer to the Trustee of the Trust Funds. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

Maureen will need to see the Town Clerk to take the Oath of Office. Reminder to Aaron Bryer to see the Town Clerk for Oath of Office was appointed to the Conservation Commission at previous Selectboard Meeting.

Center Pond Road – Timothy & Rebecca Treat & Dan Madden

Issues with water run off during the last storm and problems overall for several years. Used to be a culvert at a 45 degree angle at driveway that culvert is filled in, has not been opened or working for years. Septic System and drywell keep filling up with water. 3 or 4 years ago they tried to mound up the top of the driveway, this worked for a while till the mound flattened back out. Water comes down the hill and straight down their driveway.

Different ideas that may work – grading the road to the left away from the cabins so water flows on the left. Look at a culvert across the top of the driveway parallel to the road. Can the road be pitched to the left. Aaron has cleaned out the newer culvert. Only very heavy rains are causing these problems. This has been an ongoing concern for years. Will have Dave go look at the problem and see what solutions can work and come up with a long lasting solution.

Culverts going under the Town Road is Town responsibility. Culverts going under driveways are Owners responsibility.

APPOINTMENTS:

Harry Power –

103-07 – Mauro – 12 x 14 shed. Has NHDES permit. PD \$200.00

Signed & Approved

NHDES call – complaint sewage on Murdough Road. Michelle will reach out to Concord.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/R and/or P/R Manifests
2. Minutes/Non-Public Minutes of 7/17/2023
3. Intent to Deed letter to Tax Collector

Chris Motioned to Accept the Minutes and Non-Public of 7/17/2023. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Margo Santoro – wanted to thank the board for going with CEMS for ambulance service has been excellent and professional.

Have not gotten the new updated contract from CEMS with language corrections – Michelle will look into.

OLD BUSINESS:

Animal Office Control Laptop – Computer IT is on vacation this week

Chris Motioned to Table till next meeting. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Proposal – Inga was not present at meeting

Chris Motioned to table till next meeting. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

MISC CORRESPONDANCE & BUDGET INFO:

Budget – starting the new year - \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 will be spent on the roads due to damage from the storms. Will have to go back and get NHDES approval if needed. Towns can act in an emergency but must go back and get the permits after. All culverts on Valley Road will need to be replaced.

Need to figure out the fees going to Walker Road and Eva Lane fees for private road. For now both the BOS and CON COM will sign for now to make payment.

Sand bag removal procedure – need pallets, equipment, and look at getting shed for storage
Chris has pallets he will donate.

NHDES permit.

Notice of Transfer Station Operator license set to expire.

Chris Motioned to enter Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II(d) @ 9:11 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to leave Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II(d) @ 9:29 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to reopen Public Session @9:30 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to not seal the Non-Public Minutes. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to have Attorney send letter to Mr. Pollock and Mr. Walker. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

LBF Lot Line Adjustment – Planning Board can not hear this Boundary Line Adjustment until the encroachment issues are resolved. Will have to pay the fees due to the County and for mailings. Want to wave the fee to the Planning Board. Pointed out that Mr. Walker has already paid \$3,000.00 with costs for the survey. Why can't the fees to the Planning Board be paid from there.

Conservation Commission: Bob Motioned that Conservation Commission pays the \$150.00 fee and all associated costs of the Lot Line Adjustment from the monies given to Conservation Commission for these purposes. Jason Seconded. Motion Carried.

Will send out the letter to Mr. Walker and Mr. Pollock at the same time, asking for the previously appraised values, agreed upon by those parties. Time frame of 30 days so the Conservation Commission can proceed with Lot Line Adjustment.

Geoff Jones:

Chris "letter you wrote was public knowledge and terminology used was unacceptable. There have been complaints before from the public and employees, this will not be accepted. The Town is willing to let the behavior go this time. This behavior will not be accepted in the future and reprimands will follow any more complaints.

Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Public Session @ 10:30 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Submitted
Vickie Williams – Secretary

Christopher Madden_____

Robert Fee_____

Terri LaRoche_____