

Town of Stoddard
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, February 26, 2024
Town Hall – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Chris Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDEES INCLUDE: Chris Madden – Chair, Robert Fee – Selectmen, Terri LaRoche – Selectmen, Michelle Pong – Town Administrator, Vickie Williams – Secretary and Harry Power – Compliance Officer

GUESTS INCLUDE: Trevor Anderson, Karen Bell, Pixie & Ray Durand and Steve Rockwell

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

Chris Motioned to Return to Public Meeting @ 7:06 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to Seal the Non-Public Meeting Minutes. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: (moved to the beginning so Karen could leave)

Karen Bell – Town Clerk/Tax Collector Budget

Milage seems a little high at \$4,500.00. Karen will talk to the staff and see about doing deposits once a week. Changed the milage line item to \$3,000.00. Vital statics is a hard item to predict and give an amount to. Vital statics also brings in money to the town. It is very hard to judge the deaths, marriages and births that will happen any given year. All figures finalized.

Bob Fee announced that Paul Crosby had passed. He was a Land Manager for Andorra Forest. Paul also served as a member of both the Conservation Commission and The Planning Board. Michelle will look into a Memorial for the Town Report.

APPOINTMENTS:

ZBA Re-Appointment – tabled till next meeting

Harry Power – Compliance Officer

107-1 – Hidden Lake New Home. Will send in a new drawing the driveway is being moved.

ADU on Turtle Rock Road needs to go to the ZBA

Dr Weldon – Granite Lake – Building Permit needs to go to the ZBA

Don Healy going to the ZBA for an ADU

Dave Barkie has a permit coming in

Permit coming in on East Shore Drive

Treehouse – This matter has been sent to the Town Attorney. ZBA needs to be notified they were dishonest with the Selectboard about the treehouse and lied on the building permit. They also have a non-compliant septic system and electrical. Violations intentional and on purpose.

Aho/Rice – Fire Pit on Shedd Hill Road. Put in an application with the NHDES for a Shoreland Permit. Would still need ZBA approval. This was all built without a permit.

Steve Rockwell – Old Fire Station

Got 3 quotes for the insulation to be put in the Old Fire Station.

Colonial - \$4,700.00 will blow insulation into the wall and ceiling

USA - \$4,600.00 will blow insulation into the walls only

Builders Inc - \$9,000 will only blow insulation into the walls, this will include the work on the New Fire Station for work on the bay. The work on the New Fire Station will be done in July of the new year.

During the inspections of the Old Fire Station it was noted that no asbestos was found in the building.

Chris Motioned to Accept the Colonial bid on the work for the Old Fire Station. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

With all the work being done on the Old Fire Station this year and being completed the Building Maintenance Line Item for the Old Fire Station will be dropped to \$1,500.00.

TO BE SIGNED/APPROVED:

1. A/P and/or P/R Manifest
2. Minutes
3. Abatement
4. Supplemental Warrant
5. Solar Exemption

ALL SIGNED AND APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS:

Policing – Sheriff Riveria gave updated information on a contract for next year. The Sheriff believes that they will be able to cover a 40 hour work week if that is what the Town decides. The Sheriff's Dept. would also be able to do a contract for this year for Town Police coverage. This years Police budget would cover the cost of using the Sheriff's Dept. for the rest of the year.

BUDGET

1. Fire Department – Trevor and the Board went over each individual line item. Some deductions and additions in the overall budget. Total Budget is an increase of \$3,300.00 covering the increase of payroll.
2. Cemeteries – Michelle met with the Cemetery Commission, they went up \$1,000.00 on repair and maintenance line item. They talked about getting a survey done on the New Dow Cemetery for plots. The cost would be \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. Can we set up a fund for this at town meeting have the fund set at \$7,500.00 in total. We will put \$2,500.00 into the fund this year.
3. Emergency Management – Salaries were finalized. Where did the milage line item come from? They were taking milage from the misc line item, so a separate line item for mileage was created for better record keeping. Cut \$250.00 from Contracted Services line item. Will remove the misc line item altogether for \$1,500.00 and will cut supplies to \$1,000.00. The total budget will be \$7,500.00 cutting a total of \$2,750.00 from the budget.
4. Elections/Registrations - final budget \$25,280.00 reduced from \$38,350.00.
5. Recreation – Article/Budget – does the town want to budget for this? Will have a separate article for a Recreation Committee. Create a budget of \$10,000.00 for the whole program. Let the residents decide at Town Meeting if they would like a Recreation Committee and the funding for it.
6. Building Maintenance – overview of the changes. Increased the Old Fire Station electric line item due to adding electric, heat & refrigeration of supplies for the foodbank. New Fire Building maintenance went up for the insulation in the back bay. Old Fire Station maintenance budget went to \$1,500.00
7. Executive Overview/Personnel Admin Review – Mileage increased to \$4,000.00. Office Supplies were reduced to \$3,500.00. Major change was the purchase of the new server for the Town. We have the new firewall already. The wi-fi is in, we are waiting for static ip. Waiting on the State and Consolidated to coordinate on the staic ip set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Transfer Station Camera update – Michelle is going to meet with Monadnock Security to check pricing and installation in the next couple of weeks.
2. Girl Scout Cookies – Would like to sell cookies at the Transfer Station. Board agreed to let them do so.
3. Animal Control Officer Candidates – will hold non-public meeting for this.

MISC CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Gunn letter sent to the Town – This issue is in the hands of the Town Attorney. Any correspondence with either the Gunn's or the Aho/Rice issue should be done through the Town Attorney.
2. Terri mentioned an email from Bob Maden regarding the Town Transfer Station. A person with Illinois plates dumping cabinets at the Transfer Station over the weekend. Bob Fee was approached also regarding issues at the Transfer Station. Busted Knuckle garage from

Marlow was seen dumping in Stoddard. Bob Fee did check to see if we could trace the Illinois plate, this must be done through the Sheriff's Dept or the State Police. Michelle will look into the plate issue and send out a letter to Busted Knuckle garage and Waste Management on these reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ray Durand – Wanted to know if sharing a Police Officer with the Town of Nelson is still on the table as an option for Stoddard.

Chris – No, Nelson is going to hire there own full-time officer.

Ray appreciates what the Board does for the Town of Stoddard.

Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting and enter into a Non-Public Meeting RSA 91-A:3, II(a) @ 8:47 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Non-Public Session @ 8:53 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to Return to Public Session @ 8:54 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to Hire Rachel Smith for the Animal Control Officer position @ \$20.00 per hour. Terri Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chris Motioned to Adjourn the Public Meeting @ 8:55 PM. Bob Seconded. Motion Carried.

Submitted
Vickie Williams – Secretary

Chris Madden _____

Robert Fee _____

Terri LaRoche _____