

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**June 29, 2015 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Brooks, Ladd and Davis: Stephen Guinard, Jamie Sayen, Carlton Harris, Molly Campbell and Suzanne Goulet

Tim started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Stephen Guinard came to ask the Selectmen for a payment plan for the 2012 taxes that he owes. Dawn came in with the payment history. Stephen said that he could make a payment of at least \$700.00/month until it is paid. After much discussion the Selectmen decided to go with the payment agreement. Stephen said that he would be paying the taxes on the other two parcels today and he would start his payments from July to December. The Selectmen asked Suzanne to draw up the agreement and have Stephen come in Wednesday to sign the agreement.

Jamie Sayen came to talk to the Selectmen about his concern about all of the clear cutting of the woods in the Town of Stratford. Jamie said that he will be on the North Country Chamber of Commerce and if anyone has any questions or concerns to bring them to him and he will forward them to the Chamber of Commerce. Jamie said that he has also been attending the Economic Development meetings. Jamie said that he has a good Vermont Resource and also there will be a meeting in Colebrook July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> on The Economic Future. Jamie said that he attended a meeting with Forrest & Lands with his concerns about the clear cutting and even provided a PowerPoint Presentation and they told him that they have everything under control. Jamie asked for the Selectmen's permission to talk to NHMA and the Selectmen said that any questions that he has can be given to Suzanne and she will contact NHMA for him.

Carlton came to inform the Selectmen that last week 3 Water Samples tested positive for Coli Form and the same thing happened four years ago. Carlton said it will need to work through the system and that there is no need to inform the users since he is chlorinating the water and it will be fine. Carlton said that this happens because there is not enough water being used. Carlton said that he will flush the system again when the chlorine gets through and he said that he will keep chlorinating until the water test is negative.

Carlton also told the Selectmen that with the last rain storm the roof is leaking on the pump house. Carlton was wondering if he could have the guys putting the new roof on the Town Garage put a new roof on the water building at the same time and the Selectmen said that it would be a good idea and asked Suzanne to talk to them and see if they would consider doing that.

Molly came to talk to the Selectmen about the streetlight on her property. Molly said that she needs the Selectmen's approval to have the streetlight and the pole removed. The Selectmen said that they are in the process of having streetlights turned off and it wouldn't be in the best interest of the town to just shut one off because of the cost. The Selectmen are also looking at the fact that it would be lighting up the exit of the Town Office/Hall parking lot when it is finished (soon) and the hill going north on US Rt. 3. The Selectmen said that they would not have any streetlights removed that were there for the safety of the people such as intersections, etc.

Suzanne reminded the Selectmen that she would be on vacation the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Suzanne discussed the Deck on the Train Station and asked if Tim want it included in the bid and he said no.

Discussed that the Selectmen would like the Town's Health Officer to follow up with the property in the Hollow with the sewer Situation. They was advised to have it pumped and they have not called the town to pump it.

Suzanne asked the Selectmen if the Town Offices could get their new computers that were put in the budget and the Selectmen said yes.

Suzanne said a Rep. from TransCanada called to inform her that thy have grant money available and what she would need to do to apply for it and what it could be used for. Ex. Grange Building, Historical Society, etc.

Tim said that if the Catholic Rectory is not being used it will need to be put back on the tax roll. Tim was told that rumor has it that it will be going up for sale soon.

Tim said that he would like the Animal Control Services be put in the PD Job Description.

Suzanne asked if the ad for Part Time Police Chief could be put in the paper and the Selectmen said that they needed to do more work on the Contract and Job Description so probably next week it could be put in the papers.

Jamie Davis said that he is still working on the LED lighting and he is waiting for more clarification. Tim said that he will work on the list for the town streetlights.

Vicki DeLalla said that Jamie Sayen talked about the Intent to Cut and Vicki said that the Town's Forester checks on every property being cut.

Tim talked about the PD Job Description and that he would like it added that any written complaint be put in writing and it will be put on file and reviewed at evaluation time.

Brooks/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to ad to PD Policy & Procedure that any department issues need to be brought before the Board.

Tim said that Helping Hands will be a meeting at 2:00 pm on July 2<sup>nd</sup> concerning moving their office and they would like a representative from Stratford and Tim said that he would go.

Jamie Davis asked about Town Inventories since someone asked him if the town owned any equipment. The Selectmen discussed the fact that the inventories have not been done in 10 years. Suzanne said that everything is insured and that

inventories were sent out but no one has returned them except the PD. The Selectmen decided that the inventories should be passed in every year at Evaluation time.

Larry sent an email to Suzanne regarding the piece of town land that Molly wanted to put flowers in and maintain it. Larry said that there should be a yearly written agreement between Molly and the town since this board can not speak for any future boards. Molly said that it was going to be too much work this year but maybe next year.

Tim, Jamie and Larry said that they would come to sign the Manifest next Monday.

[Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34442-34450 in the amount of \$1,844.34 D P/R Payments in the amount of \$1,447.26 and A/P Checks #34451-34463 in the amount of \$6,525.40 in the Selectmen's Office on 6/22/15(last week's manifest).

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34464-34469 in the amount of \$1,323.47 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$1,755.90 and A/P Checks #34470-34492 in the amount of \$8,086.21 as presented on the Agenda.

Documents signed between Meetings: Timber Warrants for Hicks, Connay, Maguire, LeClaire, Lamm, Stevens, Tilton, Potter, Bunting Family, Grandmaison, Eskew, Douglas and Ainsworth.

Signed 2 Abatements for Brian Come-Water/Sewer.

Signed 2016 Tax Map Maintenance Contract.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 6/15/15.

Larry said that he would not approve the non-public meeting minutes until the subjects name was removed since the minutes were not sealed. Everyone agreed to remove the subjects name and then they would accept the minutes.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to approve non-public meeting minutes for 6/15/15 after person's name is removed.

Reviewed Helen Kelley's Forbearance Agreement with the Town.

Reviewed letter from A & D Klumb Environmental, LLC that they will be doing an Architectural Review for a Cell Tower on Tetreault Road.

Reviewed the appointment of Katrin Kerner for Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Selectmen approved of this Appointment provided that Dawn has received a Letter of Resignation from Nadine Lounsbury.

Discussed that Chester found someone to do the Town Garage Roof for less money and Charles Goulet asked the Selectmen that since it was not going to cost as much to do the Town Garage Roof could they please use the extra money to have the Town Hall and the town owned land next to it surveyed before starting the parking lot and the new exit and the Selectmen said that it should be surveyed. Jamie said that he would call Belanger since he needed to call them anyway.

Hoot McMann said that on Fantastic Friday's people can not get to the Train Station from the Common so he would like something to be done. Tim said that he has called the owners of the Rail Road and they have never wanted to do anything but Tim said that he would call them again.

Brooks/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 4:55 pm.

Prepared by B. Ladd