

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**October 19, 2015 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Ladd and Davis; Other present: Thomas Walker, Charles Goulet, Clayton Macdonald, Ben Blodgett, Vicki DeLalla and Suzanne Goulet

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Suzanne spoke to the Selectmen about the information that she had concerning the Selectmen's position and if a part-time Town employee could fill that position without it being a conflict of interest. Suzanne said that as long as they are not a full-time employee it is legal.

There were two candidates for the Selectmen's position in attendance, Charles Goulet and Clayton Macdonald. The Selectmen decided to ask Charles and Clayton a couple of questions to help them decide who they want to fill the vacant position.

Jamie asked the two candidates why they wanted to be Selectmen.

Charles said that he wants to make the town better and try to save the town money. Charles said that he has lived here for a long time and he would like to be a Selectmen until March. Charles said that he would like to make the town a better place and he has a lot of experience in many areas that would help him to do that.

Clayton said "Ditto" and that Charles is in a better position but Clayton said that he has education, the basic understanding of what is legal and not legal and Administrative experience. Clayton said that he would like to bring renewed life to the town since he thinks that Stratford has huge potential but we need to find a new path for what we would like to see happen here.

Larry asked the two candidates what their goals might be.

Clayton said since he is on the Planning Board he would like to build internal resiliency and build local resources. He would like to help us rely on our own. Clayton would also like to see businesses on a small scale and to be able to employ people, create local networking, help people to work together in support. He said that it will take years but with a coordinated plan we can develop and withstand outside unknowns and we need to be prepared.

Charlie said that he would like to work on the economy which is unsure and work with what we do have. He said that he would like to have communication between the town and school. Charles also said that getting businesses to come here is not easy and he wants to make more work for Suzanne.

Larry said that we have two great candidates which makes the decision very hard.

The two Selectmen wrote their choice on a piece of paper and passed them to Suzanne and she announced that they both picked Clayton Macdonald. Clayton was given his Oath of Office by Suzanne. Clayton took his chair at the Selectmen's table and was ready to conduct business. Congratulations Clayton!

[Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34784-34787 in the amount of \$928.66 D P/R Payments in the amount of \$1,812.73 and A/P Checks #34788-34802 in the amount of \$105,293.56 in the Selectmen's Office on 10/12/15 (last week's manifest).

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #34803-34804 in the amount of \$182.85 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$1,803.04 and A/P Checks #34805-34822 in the amount of \$4,643.25 as presented on the Agenda.

**Documents signed between Meetings:** Reservation Forms for Grange, Garth Hurlbert and Tamela Gaudette

Signed Land Use Change Tax Form/Marbina Woods LLC and Current Use Tax Collector's Warrant

Signed Reservation Form for Tom McCorkhill for an Author's Event on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Library on the Colebrook Murders.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 10/5/15 and non-public minutes from 10/5/15.

Reviewed letter from Michael Brauer stating that he is ready, willing and able to repurchase the property at 60 Baldwin Street. The Selectmen stated that he needs to pay within 15 days of the Certified Letter that he sent us and to verify with the Town's Attorney.

Reviewed the Rollin Baldwin List for this year for any deletions or additions and discussed the amount to be given this Year. The Selectmen decided to give \$200.00 to all of the recipient of the Rollin Baldwin Fund this year.

Reviewed DT&C adding the 2014 Abatement Application for the Fairpoint Case.

Reviewed George Sancoucy adding the 2014 PSNH/Eversource Abatement Application.

Reminders that Halloween will be Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Reminders of the Public Hearing on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm concerning the Streetlight/LED Lighting.

Reviewed Forest Laws from UNH.

Reviewed Approved Specs from Wetlands Permit for the Cell Tower.

Reviewed Invitation for PSGTS Dinner for the Public Awareness Program.

[Break]

Ladd/Davis (3 voted yes): motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee. Fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* at 4:07 pm.

[Break]

Ladd/Macdonald (3 voted yes): motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session a 4:26 p.m.

Davis/Macdonald (3 voted yes): motion to seal the minutes.

Davis/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd