

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2016 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Ladd, Davis and Macdonald: Others present: Steve Guinard, Mike Lynch, Michael Miller, Charles Goulet, Molly Campbell, Dave Laney, Vicki DeLalla and Suzanne Goulet.

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dawn came to explain the Summary of Activity Report to the Selectmen so that they would know how to ready it and be able to talk with people who owe back taxes/water/sewer to the town. Dawn explained the penalties & fees, the research that needs to be done by the attorney's office, the dates that the deed notices go out, the 1st issue and 2nd issue of bills, payment history, notice of delinquent taxes(Barrington Notices), outstanding taxes and what needs to be mailed certified and what doesn't.

Steve Guinard was asked by the Selectmen to come to this meeting to bring documentation proving the tax returns that he told the Selectmen last week that he would be receiving along with a plan for paying the taxes. The Selectmen told Steve that he did not come in with the \$782.61 on Thursday (June 1st) like he promised he would. Steve said that Mr. Feltham was supposed to come in with the money but didn't. Steve showed the Selectmen his paperwork from H&R Block and that he would also be getting a Tax Return from Vermont in a couple of weeks. Steve also told the Selectmen that he paid his last years agreement with them. The Selectmen asked Steve if he tried to get a loan against his Tax Return as they suggested and Steve said no. The Selectmen said that they didn't want to take his word for it since he promised to come in with \$782.61 the next day after they met with him and he didn't, he did not try to get a loan like they suggested, he already had a payment plan last year and he is in the same situation again this year and there is no guarantee that the Tax Returns would be paid to the town. So the Selectmen told Steve that they would not be able to entertain a payment plan with him at this time.

Michael Miller came in to talk to the Selectmen about his past due taxes. Michael said that he has paid \$1,000.00 already and that he will have the 2013 Taxes paid by July 10th and after that he would pay \$350.00 a month which would be \$250.00 on the 2014 Taxes and the other \$100.00 would go towards the 2015 Taxes. The Selectmen told Michael that the Forbearance can only be for the 2013 Tax Lien and that he would be responsible for continuing the payment on his own. The Selectmen told Michael that he needs to keep up these payments since there will not be another Forbearance given next year, the town will take his house and if he is late or misses a payment the town will also take his house. Michael said that he understands everything. Suzanne said that she will have the Forbearance ready for him to sign and Michael asked if she could leave it with Dawn and he would come in to sign it on Saturday and Suzanne said that that would be fine.

Bona explained to the Selectmen that there was a Mr. Spencer Kingsland who donated some historical books that he had to the Town. Mr. Kingsland said that his wife was Maxine Fluery from Stratford and she had an Aunt that was a School Teacher from Stratford who taught in Stratford along with many other places and she wrote a book about being a Teacher. Mr. Kingsland also donated some journals to the town. Bona thought that the Selectmen should send Mr. Kingsland a Thank You Card for his thoughtful donation and the Selectmen agreed.

Bona also informed the Selectmen that Gary Fournier's mother had passed and that maybe we should send Gary a Sympathy Card and the Selectmen agreed.

Suzanne said that since Jamie and Clayton attended the NHMA Seminar on "Right to Know" they realized some things will need to change. Suzanne said that "Public Input" is only supposed to pertain to what is on the Agenda only with no dialogue and that if anyone has any other comment that they need to call for an appointment to be put on the Agenda. The Selectmen said that NHMA said that because of past lawsuits we need to go with the new rules.

Mike came to talk to the Selectmen but saw something on the past minutes about River Street and the holes in the road and the Selectmen said that there was no action to be taken. Mike said that they need to decide what we are going to let people do and not do.

Mike spoke to the Selectmen about the new Town Office Parking Lot and that he thinks they will be okay without a retaining wall. Mike said that he is concerned, however, about the 4 parking spaces in front of the fire hydrant. Mike also told the Selectmen that the state is requiring him to get a driveway permit so he will have to wait for that before working on the parking lot but he can start cutting some trees down, etc.

Vicki DeLalla said that the guy that wanted the old stove at the Grange Hall came in to buy it today. Vicki said that she presented him with a bill of sale that states "as is, where is" so that there is no responsibility on the part of the Grange. The Bill of Sale was signed by the gentleman that purchased the stove. Vicki said that with the sale of the stove the Grange now has \$378.00 in their Building Fund that they will be giving to the town for repairs to the building. Vicki also said that there is a leak between the chimney and the roof and was wondering if the Handyman could fix it. Vicki mentioned that they would like to close off the Carriage Doors under the building in the fall so that it wouldn't be getting cold in the hall in the fall months for their meetings and the floors seem to be sagging and in need of support.

Molly Campbell said that she saw the Town Hall Survey online and she said that the Surveyor mentions a Lot Line Agreement. Jamie said that he spoke to the Surveyor and he told him that the wording is there for legal purposes and

that they put that wording in to provide all information and will stand by and guarantee their Survey. Jamie will ask Steve when the pins will be installed and discuss this again if there is a concern.

Charles Goulet asked where the money to fix up the Grange is coming from and the Selectmen told him that it is coming from a Grant. Charles said so the heating will probably not be fixed at this time and the Selectmen said no.

Charles said that he would like to have the Public Input of the meeting put at the end of the meeting. The Selectmen decided to go with Charles suggestion.

[Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and ordered the Treasurer to sign A/P Checks #35437-35441 in the amount of \$1,157.82 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$1,712.42 and A/P Checks #35442-35458 in the amount of \$68,039.30 in the Selectmen's Office on 6/6/16.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #35460-35463 in the amount of \$2,357.71 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$2,008.68 and A/P Checks #35464-35488 in the amount of \$16,414.82 as presented on the Agenda.

Signed Between Meetings: Parade Permit July 4th, Contract with Brett & Purvis, Court Papers for Brauer Case.

Signed Timber Warrant and Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed.

Signed Abatement Denial for Eversource and Fairpoint.

Signed Exempt Status Denial for NE Forestry, LLC.

Signed PA-29 Fellows Veterans Credit.

Signed Raffle Permit for Old Home Day Committee.

Signed Re-do Warrants separately for Water/Sewer.

Signed Junkyard License for Mike Lynch.

Signed 2017 Tax Map Maintenance from CAI.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 6/1/16 and meeting minutes and non-public minutes for 6/6/16-with corrections.

Reviewed Resignation Letter from Dawn Frost, Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to accept the Resignation Letter from Dawn Frost, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, with great regret. The Selectmen would like a Card of Thanks given to Dawn.

Reviewed NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

Reviewed Road Agent Log.

Reviewed Recorded Survey for Town Hall Property.

Reviewed Stratford School District Pay Schedule for 2016-2017 year.

Reviewed Thank You and picture from Stratford School Students that attended the Washington DC Trip.

Reviewed Permit Application for Vasilios.

Reviewed Letter to Campgrounds for recreation vehicles.

Reviewed other Department's Minutes-Library.

[Break

Davis/Macdonald (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 5:15 pm

[Break

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to reconvene Public Session at 5:20 pm

The Selectmen spoke with David Laney about the Forbearance on his 2013 Taxes. The Selectmen told David that he would not only have to pay the 2013 Forbearance but he would also have to pay more so that when the Forbearance is done that they are not in the same position next year because the Selectmen will allow it for this year but they will not allow it next year. The Selectmen also made it clear that if he is late or misses one payment they will also take his house and David said that he understood everything that they have told him.

The Forbearance was signed by the Selectmen and David Laney.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd