

REPORT ON SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2010

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THE MEETING:

There were two members of the public present. Kristin Malin substituted for the absent Mary McDonald as Acting Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of November 9 were approved after noting one typographical error.

MOST IMPORTANT/INTERESTING ITEMS: In my judgment, the following items were the most important things covered during the meeting.

1. Town Attorney Stinson met with the Selectmen to discuss the recent decision in Superior Court regarding the appeal by Haddock and Montgomery of the Planning Board's denial of their application for a permit to expand a principal structure on the Loop Road on Indian Point. The Judge has remanded the decision back to the Planning Board. Stinson said that he doesn't think that the Judge disagrees with the Planning Board's decision but wants a clearer explanation from the Board as to why they reached their decision. He has some suggestions for the Board about how to do this. He will meet with the Board in executive session next Wednesday (December 1) to offer his advice.

2. Stinson also had suggestions as to how the Planning Board should respond to the Judge's order in the Town's appeal of the Department of Environmental Protection's requirement that the Town delete its definition of "developed area" from the revised Shoreland Zoning Ordinance passed in June 2009. The Judge had rejected the Town's appeal of this decision. Stinson advised that the Town could wait until its next regular Town Meeting (June 2011) to do this and does not need to hold a Special Town Meeting right away. He will meet with the Planning Board next Wednesday to offer his advice.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Kristin Malin for the School Committee reported that Don Cowing had submitted his resignation from the Committee after 17 years of service. The School Committee is responsible for appointing a successor to serve until the next regular Town Meeting. She reported that the Committee has someone in mind for this position.

2. Patricia Mains has declined to make the payment on the Aleada Pinkham house in Five Islands. Bill Plummer's bid of \$3,500 was the next highest. The Selectmen voted to accept Bill's bid with Bill abstaining from the vote. He has 30 days to make the payment.
3. Regarding the Town-owned Property Management Board's (TOPMB) question about the lease between the TOPMB and Five Islands Lobster Co., Dolores Pinette reported that she had talked with Chris Johnston, President of Five Islands Lobster Co. He told her that he understands the restrictions on subletting any part of the operation at the Wharf and that at the present he does not have any plans to buy shrimp at the Wharf next winter.
4. Three requests for property tax abatements were referred to Bill van Tuinen for review and recommendations.
5. The Selectmen have copies of letters to Michael Stevens and Ira Pinkham giving them final notice about late payments of Wharf User Fees potential legal actions if payments are not made by December 17.
6. Arrangements are being made to present the Boston Cane to Rheta Morgan in December.
7. Engine #2 has been sold to the Westport Volunteer Fire Dept. for \$5. They took possession on November 20.
8. Kate MacKay (Animal Control Officer) will be sending letters to dog owners who have not yet registered their dogs.
9. It was reported that there was an error on the budget worksheet regarding donations to charities and because of this, the appropriation is \$450 short. The matter was tabled until Mary could be present to provide an explanation.

The next meeting of the Selectmen will be at 7 PM on Tuesday, December 14 at the Town Office.

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