

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting – November 4, 2014
Location – Christian Life Fellowship Church (election polling place)
211Whitcomb Road, Swanzey

CALL TO ORDER

Present were Selectmen W. William Hutwelker III, Deborah J. Davis, and Kenneth P. Colby, Jr. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kenneth P. Colby, Jr. at 6:48 p.m. at the Christian Life Fellowship Church (election polling place) at 211 Whitcomb Road, Swanzey, New Hampshire. Also present was Town Administrator Shane O’Keefe.

OTHERS PRESENT

There were a dozen or so others at the meeting place but there were no others attending the meeting of the Board.

MINUTES

- Regular meeting minutes for October 28, 2014 were considered. There was a **motion** by Hutwelker to accept the regular meeting minutes of October 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Davis with no further discussion. All were in favor. ***Motion passed.***
- Non-public meeting #1 of October 28, 2014. There was a **motion** by Davis to accept the non-public meeting #1 of October 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Hutwelker. No further discussion and all were in favor. ***Motion passed.***
- Non-public meeting #2 of October 28, 2014. There was a **motion** by Davis to accept the non-public meeting #2 of October 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Hutwelker. No further discussion and all were in favor. ***Motion passed.***
- Regular meeting minutes for November 1, 2014 were considered. There was a **motion** by Hutwelker to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Davis with no further discussion. All were in favor. ***Motion passed.***
- Non-public meeting of November 1, 2014. There was a **motion** by Davis to accept the non-public meeting of November 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Hutwelker and there was no further discussion. All were in favor. ***Motion passed.***

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Selectmen reviewed and approved accounts payable and payroll manifests.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Deeded property at 112 Pine Street (Map 57, Lot 114)

Following up on the previous meeting, at which the Board discussed the matter of there being new occupants living under a lease issued by the former owner of the recently tax-deeded property at 112 Pine Street, O’Keefe presented an opinion from the Town Attorney and an inspection report from the Code Enforcement Officer. According to the Town Attorney Sam Bradley, the Town is not bound to honor the lease between the former owner and the present occupants. Further, Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jasmin has determined that the home is in overall poor condition and requires removal of a wood stove, and inspection and improvements to heating and electrical systems to ensure safe habitability.

There was discussion about eviction of the occupants versus allowing them to remain and pay rent to the Town, and the relative risks and costs of either action. O'Keefe mentioned the possibility of general assistance being sought by the occupants should they be evicted.

Hutwelker **moved** to proceed with eviction of the occupants from the Town-owned property at 112 Pine Street, and to request that the Town Attorney to take the necessary legal steps to see that this process happens as soon as possible. There was a second by Davis. No further discussion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.**

There was discussion about whether the County Sheriff must issue the evictions notice.

PRIMARY ELECTION DUTIES

Colby mentioned that a representative from the Attorney General's Office had inspected the Town's polling place and noted that there were unattended signs in the ground on the property.

O'Keefe left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

The Board members were present to oversee counting of ballots and to sign labels for sealing ballots.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Davis, second by Hutwelker. No further discussion. All were in favor. **Motion passed.** Adjournment occurred at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shane O'Keefe, Town Administrator

Approved on November 11, 2014