

Minutes of the Public Hearing August 18, 2015

Members present: Lynn Sweet and Bryant Scott
In attendance: Police Chief Scott Young

The public hearing commenced at 6:00PM.

Notice of this hearing was published in *Foster's Daily Democrat* on August 11, 2015. Notice was also posted at the Town Hall and Post Office.

Ms. Sweet addressed those gathered, stating the purpose of the Public Hearing was to review the permitting process and application for special events held in Strafford.

The Selectmen and Chief Young reviewed the permit application. Discussion followed. It was generally agreed that both the process and application need to be simplified and some language needs to be clarified. One suggestion was for applicants to contact, in writing, the Police Department and Fire Department when a special event was to take place. The Police Department and Fire Department would then proceed as they deem necessary. The different types and frequency of events held in Town were reviewed. Fees, enforcement, and the timing of application were discussed.

Chief Young stated that the Police Department has some specific criteria that guide their involvement in a special event. It was the consensus of those in attendance that it would be profitable for the Police and Fire Chiefs to meet and establish some guidelines for the type of event that would require this permitting process. The Selectmen's Office will seek some legal advice to clarify language.

The public hearing ended at 6:29PM