

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 19 August 2014

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, Jim Andersen, Lynn Sweet

In attendance:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

Minutes from the July 29, 2014 meeting were read and approved as written. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll as well as the payment of bills.

Correspondence was read. Timber tax values for the 2014-15 timber year were established. The deed for the repurchase of a tax deeded property was signed. Current Use penalties were reviewed and signed.

The selection of Strafford's first full time Fire Chief was the primary item on the meeting's agenda. As a member of the Fire Department himself, Jim Andersen chose to reserve comment throughout the discussion. The Selectmen discussed the qualifications of the final candidates and reviewed their background checks. Selectmen opened the sealed envelope containing the secret ballots cast by the Fire Department members regarding their choice of the person to fill the position of full time fire chief. The Board considered the recommendation put forth by the ballots along with a letter received from the same.

With the discussion being completed, Lynn Sweet nominated Scott Whitehouse as Strafford's Fire Chief. Steve Leighton seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Steve Leighton-Aye, Jim Andersen-Abstain, Lynn Sweet-Aye.

The Board phoned Scott to offer him the position of full time fire chief and to extend their congratulations. They briefly discussed the details of his starting. The other candidates will be notified by mail.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.