

Selectmen's Meeting

December 14, 2021

Members Present: Scott Young, Chairman, Lynn Sweet, and Brian Monahan

In Attendance: Jen Czysz, Charlie Moreno, and Don Coker

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 5:30.

The minutes were read and approved for the meeting on November 30, 2021. Selectmen read, approved, and signed the payment of bills and payroll. A job review was reviewed and signed for a Town Employee. A wetlands application was read and discussed.

Appointment: Jen Czysz, Executive Director of Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Czysz was in attendance to introduce and discuss the operations of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission and the several programs they have to offer. SRPC's operations are tri-fold. The first is Strafford Regional Planning Commission itself. Their functions include creating a master plan for the region, assessing regional housing needs, and reviewing projects of regional impact, as well as providing technical assistance to municipalities in each respective planning region. They serve 18 municipalities in the region. The second operation is the Metropolitan Planning Organization that supports regional transportation planning. Working with NHDOT, they develop the Ten Year Plan and strive to make this an open process for the public. The third is the Strafford Economic Development District. This is a federally designated organization that is tasked with completing annual updates for economic development and prosperity within the region and providing technical assistance to promote economic development. SRPC also keeps an eye out for grants that could benefit the Town

Because of current circumstances, many of us have had to change the way we work. In response to this, SRPC will start the process in January 2022 to digitize all municipal records to allow records to easily be accessed remotely. SRPC staff will oversee the transportation and scanning equipment at each municipality. Each map, tax card, site plan, etc. will be scanned and digitized. The goal is to have this completed in September 2022.

Another project that is being developed is CHAT (Communities for Healthy Living Transitions). This program's mission is to promote diverse, equitable, inclusive, livable environments where people can thrive, regardless of age. Using AARP's framing of their Eight Domains of Livability, SRPC designed engagement activities to understand each community.

Ms. Szysz noted that all towns have been super busy with many applications being submitted to their planning boards.

Natalie Moles, an SRPC employee, working with Strafford's Planning Board and the Zoning Board is a vital asset to the Town. Mr. Coker wanted on the record that Ms. Moles "is doing a fantastic job." All were in agreement at how pleased they are with her efforts. Ms. Czysz noted that Natalie only works on

the Town of Strafford's matters; she works with no other towns. The Boards have requested Ms. Moles to possibly be available for all of their meetings. The Selectmen will look into the budget to see if that can happen. The Selectmen thanked Ms. Csyz for coming in and for the efforts of Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

Charlie Moreno from the Planning Board was also in attendance and spoke to the Selectmen concerning the Class A Trail Proposal. He addressed the Selectman about several trails that had previously been presented at the Multi Board/Department Heads Meeting and being put forth on the 2022 Warrant. The Selectmen asked that all abutters to the proposed trails be notified of the upcoming warrant articles and that each trail be a separate warrant article for consideration.

The Selectmen would like the Cell Tower Commission to be at the Planning Hearing on January 12th as well as the Budget Hearing on February 8th to show the Town their presentation of proposed cell tower locations and how it would greatly benefit the Town's cell service.

At this time, a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

The Board entered non-public session 6:50PM.

A motion was made by Scott Young to leave non-public session and seconded by Brian Monahan to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Scott Young - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye

Public session reconvened 7:00PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were made during the non-public session.

Being no further business to address, it was motioned, seconded, and voted to adjourn at 7:11PM.