

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 4, 2021

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman, Brian Monahan and Lynn Sweet
In attendance Jen Czysz and Natalie Moles, Building Inspector David Copeland

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:23PM.

Payroll and payment of bills were reviewed and approved. An Intent to Cut Timber was reviewed and signed. Minutes from the April 27th Selectmen's Work Session were read and approved. A wetlands permit for adding sand on Pointe Trinity common beach area was reviewed.

No appointments were scheduled.

Old Business

The Selectmen discussed the status of the beach staffing for the summer and voted to approve an increase in the hourly wage for lifeguards, hoping to attract more applicants. Several surrounding towns and even larger venues such as Water Country are having difficulty securing lifeguards this summer. A reduced beach program and/or no beach program for the summer may be considered at a future meeting.

The agenda and possible subjects for discussion for the May 18th Tri-Board Meeting was reviewed; the meeting will commence at 6:00 in the Conference Room. Representatives from Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Jen Czysz and Natalie Moles, will also be in attendance to be introduced to board members and to explain SRPC's future role with both boards.

Among the possible items to discuss are:

- Zoning amendments pertaining to more specific language in the fencing ordinance and the definition and repair of "ruins"
- Class VI roads
- Roles of boards and departments
- Communication between boards and departments
- Training
- An update to the Town Master Plan

There was a general discussion about the logistics of the sale of Town property. One piece being handled by the Town attorney was briefly discussed.

Some details of the Selectmen's participation in the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board were discussed along with the role/responsibilities of Strafford Regional Planning Commission in those meetings.

New Business

Town Clerk Terri Marsh will be closing the Town Clerk's Office from July 19th through July 22nd. The Deputy Town Clerk will be processing mail in and online renewals that week. Both Barnstead and Northwood Town Clerks will cover emergencies and will be available during their office hours to process in person registrations. Ms. Marsh will communicate this announcement to residents via the Community Calendar, the website, the Community Facebook page, and with signage at the Town Hall. Ms. Marsh also noted that the new hours on Thursday (1:30- 7:00 rather than 8:30 -2:00) have been well received and she would like to continue offering those hours.

David Copeland was in attendance to speak with the Selectmen about a building permit request. The property has a ROW access, but is quite far off the main road. The owner has agreed to install a sprinkler system and Mr. Copeland has discussed the situation with Fire Chief Whitehouse and has his approval to issue the permit. The permit would be limited to a single family residence; initially only a foundation permit will be issued.

Ms. Sweet will be attending a class to learn more about cable companies. Mr. Young will pick up 3 lateral files from the State surplus for the Town Office.

There being no further business to address, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM.