

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting June 1, 2021

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman, Brian Monahan, and Lynn Sweet  
In attendance: Tax Collector Judith Dupré  
No scheduled appointments

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

Minutes from the May 18<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting and Tri Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. Payroll and bills were reviewed and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Summer operations at the lake were discussed. With no lifeguards available this summer, Board members want to be sure there is adequate signage alerting residents that NO lifeguards are on duty and that use of the area is "at your own risk". Besides ensuring the safety of swimmers, the lifeguards would routinely rake the beach and shallow water area, keeping it clear of the leaves, pine needs and sticks that make their way toward the dam. Without lifeguards to perform this early season and routine maintenance, the Town will secure the help of Tuxedo Landscaping to assist with that. Also, as the area is a "Carry In – Carry Out" facility, more signage will be ordered and hung to remind those who use the area to take home their trash. The Town will provide portable toilets all summer and the swim line will be installed shortly. There have been incidents of trucks with boat trailers parking "illegally" in the parking lot below the dam. Violators will be ticketed.

Gladys Heald was recognized in 2020 as Strafford's oldest resident and thus the recipient of the Boston Post Cane. No presentation could be made due to Covid -19 safety restrictions. Historical Society President JoAnn Brown and Selectman Lynn Sweet are planning to present her with a certificate to honor her as Strafford's oldest resident.

Tax Collector Judith Dupré was in attendance to discuss the payment of an elderly deferral on a property now that the owner has passed. The process of converting the deferral to a lien and general communication with the bank was discussed. With the assistance of the Town attorney, the town will seek to recover the deferral plus interest due before the house is auctioned; an auction is scheduled in early July.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Governor's Emergency Orders with regard to Covid-19 will expire on June 11<sup>th</sup> and are not expected to be renewed. Per that expiration, the Town will resume normal operations as of June 12<sup>th</sup>; all boards and committees will resume in-person meetings. The chairmen of the boards will be notified that, as in the whole of the Covid situation, the Selectmen will be following the Governor's orders with regard to Town operations.

Per discussion at the Tri-Board meeting, Ms. Sweet will be purchasing some new equipment, a large flat screen TV and a recording device to assist with Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings.

A Municipal Land Use Law conference is to be held in July; one Zoning Board member is planning to attend.

The American Rescue Plan Act funding was briefly discussed along with possible uses of it. Information about the plan is still forthcoming and will be discussed in upcoming meetings.

The Selectmen's Office will send a reminder to a resident concerning the approaching previously agreed upon clean-up deadline.

Several Recycling Center matters were briefly discussed. Repairs to the concrete under the roll off on the larger compactor need to be made. The Town owns 2 compactors (paper and plastic) and rents the 2 larger solid waste compactors. The Selectmen reviewed information about the capacity of the containers and the cost of recycling.

Possible changes in the composition of the Zoning Board were briefly discussed.

The June 15<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting is cancelled. The Selectmen will stop in individually on Monday to authorize payment of bills and payroll.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:42PM.