

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting August 25, 2020

Members present: Scott Young, Chairman and Brian Monahan
In attendance:

Appointments: 6:00 – Town Moderator Ron Lemieux
6:30 – Anna Miller

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:20PM.

Payroll and bills were reviewed and approved for payment. Minutes from the August 11th Selectmen's meeting were read and approved. Two Intents to Cut Timber were reviewed and signed. Board members discussed the next step the Board would take in settling a current legal situation and were unanimous in their decision.

Appointments

6:00 – Ron Lemieux was in attendance to discuss the plans for the upcoming State Primary Election that he and Town Clerk Terri Marsh have developed. Mr. Lemieux commended the work Ms. Marsh has done with planning and processing absentee ballots. It was clear to the Board members that significant consideration had been given in developing the plan and that it addressed numerous voting scenarios. Special care and thought was given to ensuring the safety of all workers and voters and to ensure the accessibility of the polling place to all voters. As the Moderator, Mr. Lemieux has followed the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the State.

6:15 – Anna Miller, who had applied for the position of Land Use Secretary, attended the meeting to discuss the position with Board members. The part-time position, at present, involves an average of 8-10 hours per week. Training is available and encouraged. Ms. Miller shared some information about herself that would be pertinent to the position. Board members shared information about the workings of the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Old Business

The Town received an update on Strafford's participation in the 2020 Census from Mr. Perrin. Strafford has a 66.5% response rate which is similar to both the national response rate of 64.4% and the NH response rate of 64.3%. Mr. Perrin wanted the residents of Strafford to encourage as much participation as possible as funding to the State and Town is derived from the data gathered.

New Business

In order to apply for funding under the CARES Act Funding Opportunity #DC20202CARES based on Absentee Ballots processed for the September 8, 2020 and November 3, 2020 Elections, the following 2 actions were taken:

Chairman Scott Young first motioned that, pursuant to RSA 21-P:43, that the Board accept and expend CARES Act gifts or grants from the CARES Act Funding Opportunity #DC20202CARES.

Brian Monahan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Scott Young – Aye Brian Monahan – Aye

Chairman Scott Young then motioned to designate signing authority to the Town Clerk, Terri Marsh, regarding CARES Act Funding Opportunity #DC20202CARES, for Grant Agreement submission forms and reimbursement requests for Primary 9/8/20 and General 11/3/20 Elections.

Brian Monahan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Scott Young – Aye Brian Monahan – Aye

From a capable field of applicants, Andria Collins was chosen to be the new Deputy Town Clerk. She will begin working on September 1st.

The Selectmen approved Town Clerk Terri Marsh's request to extend dog licensing another month as scheduling appointments with veterinarians is still a slow process. The Selectmen also approved additional help in the Town Clerk's office for the month of September due to the influx of absentee ballots.

The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2020. There will not be a meeting on September 8th as that is Election Day.

There being no further business to address, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02PM.