

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting October 9, 2018

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: Don Clifford, Michael D' Andrea

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

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payment of payroll and bills. Minutes from the September 25th meeting were read and approved. The Board of Selectmen established the yield tax values for the 2018 Timber Year.

The Selectmen's Office will begin the process of making application to NHDOT for State Bridge Aid for the replacement of the Barn Door Gap bridge. Strafford will be placed on the DOT list; it will likely be several years before the State Bridge Aid funds are made available to the Town.

The shed to house the electrical equipment at the Recycling Center is due to be delivered in approximately 10 days. Arrangements are being made to coordinate with the contractor to pour the foundation.

The Selectmen's Office is arranging a Saturday date in October to meet with Pittsfield officials to conduct a perambulation of the 2 towns' common boundary.

The Selectmen's Office anticipates that a repair to the bottom of Mountain View Drive as it meets Parker Mountain Road will be made shortly.

The November 6th General Election will be held at the Town Hall. The Town Hall will be closed for normal business that day.

A portion of Dillon Drive East is not accessible via the rest of Dillon Drive East, thus hindering emergency response time. To address that, it had been decided to rename that portion, where currently 2 new homes are located. Several suggestions for names had been given, but Board members were inclined to select the name Thorne Way in memory of the former owner of the land, Gerald Thorne. Ms. Sweet moved that that particular portion of Dillon Drive East be renamed Thorne Way. Mr. Scott seconded the motion and a vote was taken:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young – Aye

Don Clifford, Tasker Hill Road, had lengthy discussion with Board members about Mr. Clifford's Planning Board concerns. Several matters including procedural policies, notifications, rights of applicants, and compliance with pertinent RSAs were discussed. The necessity for timely Notices of Decisions, per RSA, was stressed along with the specificity and clarity of terminology used in the Notice, so as to make clear the Board's the permissions and restrictions. They specifically discussed a situation in which the use of the term building permit when the term dwelling unit had been intended, and the resultant confusion. Board members also stressed the necessity of respecting the rights and private property of applicants; permission to visit or conduct a site review on an applicant's property must be granted by the applicant/property owner. All applications and applicants are to be treated with professionalism and respect. Mr. Clifford expressed interest in training to become a more educated board member. The Selectmen encouraged him in that regard and reiterated their offer to

provide classes to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeal and/or to pay for training members might pursue. The matter of particular concern to Mr. Clifford is being addressed by the Town attorney, so discussion was limited.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Mr. Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Young. A vote was taken and was unanimous in support of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.