

Minutes of the Selectmen's Work Session March 12, 2019

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman and Scott Young
In attendance: State Senator John Reagan

The Selectmen's Work Session was called to order at 9:28AM.

Bills and payroll were reviewed and payment was approved. The Selectmen signed appointment slips for Jean Ewen, Herman Groth, and Mimi Jost to the Zoning Board and Kerry Omand to the Conservation Commission. A Report of Timber Cut was also reviewed and signed. Minutes from the February 26th Public Hearing were reviewed, amended and signed.

Final preparations for the Saturday, March 16th portion of the Town Meeting were discussed.

The Selectmen discussed the correspondence from the engineering firm monitoring the Town's landfill closure. Suggestions were made about recommended well monitoring. The Selectmen's Office will notify property owners according to the recommendations made.

The Selectmen discussed NHDRA's report of Strafford's Assessment Ratio for 2018. After reviewing property sales for the year the DRA determined our overall sales ratio to be 80.5%, with waterfront being 70.5%. This reflects the active housing market in the past year and the increase market value of Strafford properties since our Statistical Revaluation in 2016. The Selectmen would like to see what small measures can be made by our assessors to address this.

State Senator John Reagan visited the Town's elections and stopped into the Selectmen's Office to share what is happening in Concord.

A public hearing on 911 road name change will be held on March 26th at 6:00PM to discuss changing the name of a portion of Whig Hill Road often referred to as Old Whig Hill Road.

The Selectmen will hold a work session on March 19th to review and sign contracts and pay rate slips, pending budget approval, to become effective on March 24th.

The Selectmen's Office, per request at the 2018 Town Meeting, has prepared a statement of the estimated tax impact of each article on the 2019 Warrant.

The Town's contract assessors, KRT, will be contacted to make arrangements for "spring pickups" of 2018 building permits, inspection of 2017 and 2018 property sales, and 2017 cyclical inspections.

An engineering firm has prepared some initial information for review regarding the repair of the Barn Door Gap bridge. This will be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting and upon further discussion with Road Agent Greg Messenger.

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the work session. The work session adjourned at 11:00AM.