

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting June 20, 2017

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott, Scott Young

In attendance: Ben Francum, Recycling Center Manager, Jack Lagasse, Lynn Lagasse, Ethan Swazey, Bill Booth, Building Inspector

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm. The Selectmen reviewed bills and payroll and approved payment of the same. Minutes of the June 6, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and approved.

The first matters of business were several items regarding the Recycling Center.

- The 8'x8' cinder block building which houses the electrical equipment for the operation of the compactors is greatly in need of repair. Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse had taken some photos which showed the deterioration of the cinder blocks and cement. Mr. Francum pointed out that moisture is a problem. Discussion followed about possibilities for replacing the building - size, location and type of building and probable costs, with the electrical work being the most significant. Mr. Booth weighed in with some thoughts about the foundation and floor. The Selectmen explained that this project will necessarily need to wait until next year, due to budget constraints. In the meantime, some lally columns will be put in place to help strengthen the roof structure. The Selectmen will get a rough idea on cost for 2018 budgeting purposes.
- The Selectmen approved new shirts for the attendants at the Recycling Center. Mr. Francum will send sizes needed to the Selectmen's Office.
- The Selectmen and Mr. Francum reviewed the current fee schedule for certain items taken to the Recycling Center. All seemed appropriate. "Tar paper" was removed from prohibited items as felt paper generally used in its place.

A motion was made and seconded by Ms. Sweet and seconded by Mr. Scott to institute a policy to encourage the Selectmen to conduct exits interviews with employees leaving the employment of the Town. No specific format was established; the Selectmen's Office will look to the NHMA for guidance. A vote was taken:

Ms. Sweet – Aye, Mr. Scott – Aye, Mr. Young – Aye

Jack and Lynn Lagasse along with Ethan Swasey, all of Deer Lane, were in attendance to discuss with the Board the unsightly condition of a house on their road. The house had been seriously damaged by fire several years ago, but not destroyed. The property has since been sold, and

the new owner, while beginning some cleanup, has not continued. The tarp covering the roof is gone, exposing the house to the elements. Mr. Booth, Building Inspector, sent a letter to the new owners. They subsequently removed the dumpster, but he received no response. Mr. Lagasse showed the Selectmen the view of the house from his property. Mr. and Mrs. Lagasse and Mr. Swasey believe the house's condition is diminishing their own property values and wanted to know what authority the Selectmen or Town have to address the situation. The Selectmen explained their limitations. The application of Town Zoning Ordinance 1.3.3 pertaining to ruins was discussed. Mr. Booth will explore this further and attempt to contact the owner once again.

The Selectmen approved the repair of the beach fencing along Water Street, conditional upon approval by the State DES. The Selectmen's Office will contact NHDES.

The project for display of flags in Town continues to grow as donations are made to the David Witcher Flag Fund c/o the Bow Lake Camp Owners Association. Some funds will be used to replace flags as they wear out.

The Selectmen will meet at 5:30 on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 for a brief meeting. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, July 4th. The Selectmen along with JoAnn Brown will present the Boston Post Cane to Stephen O'Grady.

There being no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.