

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 23, 2017

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott
In attendance: Don Clifford

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

The Selectmen reviewed bills and payroll and approved payment. The Board reviewed and addressed correspondence. The Selectmen signed a parade permit for the Memorial Day Parade on May 29th. The Selectmen reviewed and approved minutes from the May 9th Selectmen's Meeting.

A new police cruiser has been purchased with monies from the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and the Police Special Detail Fund. The Department is seeking a matching grant for electronic ticketing equipment for police vehicles. Ms. Sweet as Chairman signed the application.

The Selectmen also reviewed and accepted a proposal from Chris Bane for signage for the Town Hall. The project will be completed with the assistance of several Coe Brown students and oversight by Chris and Vince Bane.

Judy Dupre reported that she would be conducting interviews for the position of deputy tax Collector on May 30th. She and the Board members discussed pay rate.

Stephen O'Grady at 101 years old will be the recipient of the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to Strafford's oldest resident. A presentation will be made sometime this summer; details are being worked out with Stephen and his family.

Don Clifford, Tasker Hill Road, was in attendance to speak with the Board members about one subject in particular. He expressed concern for a small business being conducted in Center Strafford without proper application to the Planning Board and perhaps without an adequate facility. Mr. Clifford would like the Planning Board to help the young man walk through the process. Discussion followed about notification, consequences, and ramifications. Liz Evans will draft a letter for the Selectmen to review at the June 6th meeting. Other matters were discussed including ongoing road work and Town Hall maintenance.

There seems to be enthusiastic approval for the flags displayed along Water Street and Province Road. They are the result of Kayla Whitcher's senior project with the assistance of Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse who will be acting as the caretaker of the flags and coordinator of future efforts to add to the project.

With regard to the Recycling Center, the Selectmen stressed the need to monitor stickers on vehicles using the facility to assure its use by Strafford residents only. Ben Francum, Recycling Center manager would like to have a form for small contractors to sign on which they indicate the refuse they are bringing to the Recycling Center is their personal refuse and not business related.

The Selectmen will investigate a request to allow dogs access to the beach/dock area of the lake at certain times and the posting of signage to that effect. The thought is that it will fall under State guidelines and jurisdiction.

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.