

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting October 23, 2018

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: Don Coker, John Dupere, Greg Messenger

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:25PM.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payment payroll and bills. Minutes from the October 9th meeting were read and approved.

Selectmens Sweet and Young will meet representatives from the Town of Pittsfield at Wild Goose Pond Road and Merrill Road on October 27th for a perambulation of the Towns' common border. Contact information was shared in the event of inclement weather.

Board members reviewed a request for a commercial use of the Town Hall parking lot. The request was denied.

The Town has been notified that Strafford County Dispatch rate will increase 5% for 2019. Similarly, health insurance rates have increased 12.8%. This information will be passed along to department heads for budgeting purposes.

Board members signed the agreement for the Household Hazardous Waste Day
. to be held on the first Saturday in May.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Scott Young to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e) and RSA 91-A:3 II(I) . Roll call was taken as follows:
Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 5:53PM.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet to leave non-public session and seconded by Bryant Scott to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:
Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young – Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:00PM.
No votes were taken during the non-public session.

Don Coker, Parker Mountain Road, was in attendance to speak with the Selectmen about the status of a particular application that has come before the Planning Board. The Selectmen explained that the matter is not settled and is being handled by the town attorney, who will be present at the November 1st Planning Board Meeting. They did speak with Mr. Coker about general matters including the scope of the Planning Board's authority and the private property rights of applicants. Better communication within and from the Planning Board was a concern expressed by both Mr.

Coker and the Selectmen. Mr. Coker would like to see the Planning Board move forward and learn from any mistakes that have recently been made. He, himself, is interested in continuing education to become a more informed Planning Board member. On demand classes are made available through NH Municipal Association; the Selectmen have offered this opportunity to both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeal members and alternates. Mr. Coker suggested finding a suitable recording device to record the proceedings of the Planning Board Meetings. The Selectmen stated that they believe that matter is already being addressed. Discussion continued with the subject of the Growth Management Ordinance. Per RSA 674:22 this is to be reevaluated each year. The Planning Board first investigates its necessity and public hearings are held. Continuation or amendments in the current ordinance are subject to ballot vote by registered voters of the Town.

Board members reviewed the draft minutes of the October 25th ZBA meeting and the ongoing developments in the Fairpoint v. Municipalities case.

Road Agent Greg Messenger and the Selectmen discussed 2 matters.

The Barn Door Gap bridge is currently on the State's Red List. Assistance from the State Bridge Aid program is not available for more than 5 years; the Selectmen want to know if we can move forward with a bridge project with the resources we, as a Town, currently have earmarked. They will ask the engineer the town has used on previous bridge projects to work with Greg to evaluate the bridge's condition and perhaps make affordable suggestions.

Greg discussed with Board members difficulty he is having in gaining permission to access a culvert on the Northwood Road for the purpose of cleaning it out; they also discussed and the resultant problems that might arise should it become clogged. At this point, it does not pose any immediate threat, but is a matter of ongoing maintenance for the Road Agent. The Board and Road Agent will take no action at this time. They will contact the property owner and hopefully address his particular concerns.

The Selectmen signed an Intent to Cut Timber for Map 15 Lot 5. The Johnsonboro Road will be the access to the cut; a road bond has been posted. Road Agent Greg Messenger will check the road before the cut begins.

The new electrical building approved at the 2018 town Meeting has been delivered to the Recycling Center. The electrical work will be completed when arrangements can be made with the electrician. Greg Messenger will demolish the cinder block building when the electrical transfer is complete.

The Selectmen reviewed several options for handling the phasing and permitting of the subdivision on Second Crown Point Road and Rte 202A. Their thoughts will be shared with the Town attorney and his counsel will be sought in determining how best to move forward in addressing this matter. The Planning Board meets again on Thursday, November 1st to consider an application for a lot line adjustment in that subdivision. The Town attorney will attend the meeting.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.