

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes March 28, 2017

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott, Scott Young
In attendance: Mark Montross , Michael Rousch, Building Inspector Bill Booth

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 5:32PM.

The members of the Board reviewed bill and payroll and authorized payment of the same. The Selectmen approved and signed 2 tax deferral agreements and signed 2 Intents to Cut Timber. The Board reviewed the certified copy of the 2017 Town Meeting Minutes. Minutes from the March 21st Selectmen's Work Session were read and approved.

The Board members reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by Strafford Regional Planning Commission in conjunction with Strafford Police Department, Fire Department, Planning Board, Building Department, Strafford Board of Selectmen, and several members from the community at large. After review, Selectman Bryant Scott made a motion to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan as written. Selectman Scott Young seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board. Ms. Sweet, Chairman, signed the Certificate of Adoption as representative for the Board.

Mr. Montross and Mr. Rousch attended the Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the status of a property of concern at 71 Parson's Hill Road. The Selectmen and Building Inspector, Bill Booth provided an update. A building permit, which is valid for 1 year, has been secured, fire safety concerns have been addressed, and a composting type toilet is on site. A new concern was raised, that being the valuation of the building on site. The Selectmen assured the gentlemen that the assessor would visit when he was next in the office, that Mr. Rousch and Mr. Montross would be notified of his findings. Mr. Montross and Mr. Rousch expressed their ongoing frustration and diminishing patience with the situation. Some possible remedies to their frustration were discussed.

The Selectmen reviewed a request for demerger of a property on Water Street per RSA 674:39-aa. After a review of the property's assessment and taxation history, the Selectmen moved and voted unanimously to grant the demerger. The demerger will be effective April 1, 2017. The Selectmen's Office will notify the property owner.

The new Town website is up and running. Some details of support and training are still being worked out.

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

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

The Board entered non-public session at 6:25PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened at 6:50PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Scott Young to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Selectmen's Office has contacted Mark Stevens from NHDES about repairing or replacing the damaged gate/fence on Water Street. Mr. Stevens would like to see a plan and drawing of the proposed repair, and thought the plan was feasible as long as the fencing is not touching the water.

The Selectmen reviewed the Equalization Study prepared by NHDRA. Strafford's 2016 Assessment Ratio is 93%.

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.