

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Minutes August 29, 2017

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Whitehouse  
In attendance: Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Building Inspector Bill Booth

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

The Board reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills. Minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the State form MS-1 (Summary of Inventory Valuation). The Selectmen reviewed and signed an abatement and an Intent to Cut Timber.

At 5:58PM, the meeting was briefly adjourned to conduct the Public Hearing scheduled for 6:00PM.

## Minutes of the Public Hearing August 29, 2017

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Whitehouse  
In attendance:

Selectmen Sweet opened the Public Hearing at 6:00PM.

Ms. Sweet stated that notice of the Public Hearing was made in the Foster's Daily Democrat on August 18, 2017, and was also posted at the Town Hall, Post Office, and on the Town's website. This Public Hearing was held pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and was for the purpose of accepting additional Highway Block Grant Funds authorized by the adoption of SB38. Under SB38, the Town of Strafford was awarded \$108,294.38. It was noted that the anticipated use of these funds will be part of the match for the next bridge project; discussion will follow at a later date. These funds are non-lapsing and do not have to be used by year end.

No members of the public were in attendance.

There being no questions or discussion, the Public Hearing concluded at 6:07PM.

The Selectmen's meeting commenced once again at 6:07.

At this time a motion was made by Bryant Scott and seconded by Scott Young 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 6:08PM.

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

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

The public session reconvened at 6:15PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

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

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

Chief Scott Whitehouse and the Selectmen expressed some serious concerns he has from his perspective as health officer as well as Fire Chief. The Town currently has no mechanism (i.e. ordinance) to address or assist with these concerns. He and the Board discussed several State RSAs that might pertain. Further investigation is needed as well counsel from the Town attorney.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse will also attend the Right to Know class being held by New Hampshire Municipal Association on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Building Inspector Bill Booth had several things for the Board to review. He had a revised/simplified fee schedule for Board approval; it will be posted on the Town website. He also presented 2 pieces of correspondence addressing previously discussed code violations; they were approved to be mailed out.

The Selectmen reviewed the resume of the candidate for Library Director that the Library Trustees have selected.

Our assessing firm, KRT, will begin cyclical data verification in mid-September. In particular, they will be visiting properties on Maps 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. The work will likely continue through October. The Police Department will be notified when they begin.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting concluded at 7:02PM.