

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting July 2, 2019

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young

In Attendance: Lynn LaGasse, Police Chief Mike Richard, Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Rick Ferriera

Appointments Scheduled: 6:00 Rick Ferriera

6:15 Jack and Lynn LaGasse

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:40PM.

Appointments

6:00 - Rick Ferriera was in attendance at the request of the Board members for a routine update with regard to the ZBA. A training session for members of Planning, Zoning, and Select Boards has been scheduled for July 9th with the town attorney. Mr. Ferriera has encouraged his members to attend, although he himself will not be able to make it due to a scheduling conflict. The recent Zoning Board decision to approve the wedding venue at Parker Mountain Lodge, for this season only, was the subject of most of the discussion. Although Mr. Ferriera himself did not support the decision, he explained the reasoning of the majority of the board members in granting the conditional approval. Police Chief Mike Richard expressed concern that an off duty police officer was required to be present for any scheduled event. He had not been consulted about this and no other event venue in Town is held to the same requirement. Additionally, that decision made it the responsibility of one of his own officers to be present. The ZBA was unaware that no police officer was authorized to work in Strafford without the permission of Chief Richard. Mr. Ferriera offered his apology for the oversight. He has served on the ZBA for many years and has not encountered this situation. The Selectmen recommended that in the future whenever a matter pertaining to police or fire comes up, the discussion should be tabled until the appropriate chief can be in attendance. Chief Richard would like to rescind the order to have a police officer present at these events and will draft a letter accordingly. The Selectmen will consult the Town attorney as to the legality of the Police Chief overturning a ZBA decision. Mr. Ferriera expressed some concern of the possible repercussions of that. It was agreed that all boards need to proceed cautiously, knowing the pertinent RSAs and following them closely.

6:15 Lynn LaGasse discussed with the Selectmen. Building Inspector David Copeland and Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse the cleanup/renovation progress on a property at 12 Deer Lane. The owner had been issued a court order with a deadline of Sunday, June 30th to complete the work. Scott Whitehouse had extended the deadline and shared the reasoning in making this decision. Mrs. LaGasse reported that a crew been working on Monday the 1st and Tuesday the 2nd. Some progress is being made; because compliance with the extension of the court order by the 5th is in question, the process for moving forward was discussed. The Fire Chief and Building Inspector are scheduled to inspect the work on Wednesday the 3rd. The work currently

being done does not need a building permit, but one will be secured at such time as it is necessary. All agreed that it is hoped that this will result in a good outcome.

Continuing Business

An inspection request was made and granted to inspect a property on Second Crown Point Road, by several representatives from Town and NH DES. It will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

New Business

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payment of bills and payroll. Board members read and approved minutes from the June 18, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting.

A 3 year CAP agreement with Primex was reviewed and signed for the Town's Workman's Compensation and Property Liability Policies.

After reviewing the information provided, the Selectmen voted to approve Leighton Revocable Trust's request to restore 2 lots, located on Tax Map 8 Lot 36 to their original layout per RSA 674:39-aa. These 2 lots are referenced as tracts #5 and #7 in the deed recorded at the Strafford County Registry of Deeds as Book 1851, Page 589.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse submitted the 2019 Second Quarter report of the activity of the Fire/Rescue Department. It will be posted in the lobby of the Town Hall and available for review in the Selectmen's Office.

The fireworks scheduled for July 3rd and surrounding activities were briefly discussed. On the 3rd, Bow Lake Community Club will host several food trucks beginning in the afternoon and continuing through the fireworks event. This Chief Richard will close off ½ of the parking lot at the Grange in anticipation. Chief Whitehouse, as Health Inspector, will inspect each vendor and ensure they are properly permitted. He will be at the Bow Lake Station with Engine 2 during the fireworks event.

Police Chief Richard is planning to meet with the Bicentennial committee to learn about plans being made for the week-long event. The inadequate parking situation at the dam was discussed. Chief Richard will pursue a possibility he has been considering.

The next scheduled Planning Board Meeting is July 11th. The Zoning Board of Appeal will meet on the 17th, providing all the information necessary to conduct business is received.

There being no further business to conduct, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.