

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting June 6, 2017

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman and Bryant Scott

In attendance:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. The Selectmen reviewed bills and payroll and approved payment of the same. Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and approved. The Selectmen reviewed and approved several abatement recommendations made by the assessor.

Several matters pertaining to the Transfer Station were discussed. Ben Francum mentioned to the Selectmen's Office that the condition of the cinder block building which houses the electrical equipment for the compactors has deteriorated and should to be addressed. Fire Chief Whitehouse will examine it and report his findings to the Selectmen. Board members reviewed a form to be used to insure that refuse being brought to the dump is residential, rather than commercial/business in nature. The Board noted that the attendants have been responsive to their request to monitor stickers more closely.

Tax Collector Judy Dupré, reviewed with the Board members, as she does monthly, the status of properties with tax liens, reporting in particular on 2015 payments being made. Ms. Dupré also reported to the Selectmen the selection of her new deputy, Martha English.

The Town's auditor, Grzelak and Co., will be in the office on June 27th to begin the 2016 audit.

The American flags along Water Street and Province Road continue to be well received. Due to interest in expanding the project, the Bow Lake Camp Owners Association has established a fund to receive contributions toward more flags. Checks may be written to BLCOA - The David Whitcher Flag Fund. Fire Chief, Scott Whitehouse is the caretaker of the flags.

Residents in the Parsons Hill/Willey Pond area of Town continue to be frustrated with the poor internet service in the area. Mr. Ed Merrill from Metrocast will again try to secure an easement for the lines from the landowner who has previously denied the request for an easement.

Following the State policy regarding dogs at State owned beaches, the Selectmen will not be permitting dogs at the Bow Lake beach.

Lifeguards will be on duty at Bow Lake beach beginning on Father's Day, June 18th. They will be on duty Mondays through Saturdays 10am – 4:30 pm, and on Sundays 11:00am – 4:30 pm. The Town would be interested in securing one more lifeguard to complete the staff; applications are still being accepted. Some discussion followed about the cost of lifeguard training and certification and the possibility of the town covering the cost.

Stephen O'Grady, age 101, will soon be the recipient of the Boston Post Cane, an honor given to Strafford's oldest citizen. The Selectmen along with JoAnn Brown, former Selectmen and president of the Historical Society, will honor Mr. O'Grady with the presentation of the cane at his home on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.