

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting October 8, 2019

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

In Attendance: Paige Holman, JoAnn Brown, Jessie Copeland, Lindsay Aucella, Gerald McKay

Appointments Scheduled: 6:15 Paige Holman

6:30 Gerald McKay

The October 8, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting was called to order by Selectman Lynn Sweet at 5:30PM.

Appointments

6:15 – Hill Library Director, Paige Holman, and Library Trustees were in attendance to discuss details of their proposal for a full time children's librarian position in the 2020 budget. Ms. Holman stated that every metric they are able to measure show increased use of the library; 30% from 2018 to 2018 and another 34% in 2018-2019. They have noted a particular increase in usage of children's books and in attendance at programming for children. Additionally, they have many goals and ideas for expanding the library's outreach into the community, but their current staff is "tapped out". The Selectmen suggested that this information should be presented to the Town at Town Meeting. The Board, Ms. Holman and the trustees also discussed future expansion of the library, perhaps organizing a committee to begin the search for a new property. In the 2020 budget, the trustees will put forth a request for additional funds to be placed in the CRF for library expansion and improvement.

6:30 – Gerald McKay had an appointment with the Selectmen to discuss the removal of the stone wall on his property on Province Road. His attendance was brief because research into the ownership of road had been done, and the findings indicated that Mr. McKay was completely within the law to remove his stone wall.

Continuing Business

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)(e). Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Board adjourned to the Selectmen's Office to conduct the non-public session and conclude the meeting.

The Board entered non-public session at 6:34PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened at 7:15PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

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

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

New Business

Bills and payroll were reviewed and signed. Minutes of the September 24, 2019 Selectmen's meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed the State MS-1/Summary of Inventory Valuation.

Strafford's Trick or Treat will be held on October 30th from 5:00-8:00PM.

At the request of State Representative Mike Harrington, the Selectmen reviewed changes in the current law regarding Perambulation supported by Mr. Harrington. The bill changes the requirement for Perambulation from 7 years to "as needed". After discussion, the Board voted to not support any changes in the law. They believed it to be part of the Town's rich history and tradition. With the "as needed" change perambulations might occur very infrequently. The Selectmen's Office will relay their thoughts to Mr. Harrington inquire as to his reasoning behind his support.

Scott Whitehouse submitted quarterly report on the activity of the Fire and Rescue Department. The statistical report will be available in the vestibule of the Town Hall.

There being no further business to conduct, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.