

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 9, 2017

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott, Scott Young
In attendance:

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

The Selectmen reviewed bills and payroll and approved payment. They reviewed and approved minutes from the April 25th Selectmen's Meeting. The Board reviewed and addressed correspondence, including a letter from Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse concerning the status of fire safety compliance at Strafford Pallet on Parker Mountain Road.

The Town received notice that the recently completed Hazardous Mitigation Plan had been approved by FEMA. This is the final step in the process for the plan.

The Selectmen signed notices of pay rate for 3 Town employees and call wages personnel.

The Board members reviewed proposal for an excavation bond established several years ago. The project has not yet begun, but they stated the bond amount of \$5000 is still appropriate. The assessor has addressed the land to be taken out of current use for the excavation.

The Selectmen addressed a request for demerger on behalf of Richard Saunders. After reviewing pertinent background information the request was approved. The Selectmen's office will notify the applicant. The demerger becomes effective immediately.

In an attempt to address the inadequate internet service in the Parsons/Willey Pond area of Town, the Selectmen's office spoke with a representative from TDS to discuss extending their recent upgrades into the Strafford area. While the project is "on their radar", it is not part of their immediate plan. The Board suggested getting something more definite as far as plans. They thought perhaps another meeting with Metrocast would be in order to make sure all possibilities for service off Parker Mountain Road have been exhausted. The Selectmen's Office will contact Ed Merrill who has been a helpful contact at Metrocast.

Bow Lake beach is scheduled to open on Sunday, June 18th. The Selectmen approved the appointment of Alex Archambault as beach manager. Lifeguard staffing is not yet complete, but the deadline for application is not until May 15th.

The Selectmen discussed the springtime grading of Evans Mountain Road referencing the funds appropriated in the Conservation Commission budget for this purpose. Evans Mountain Road accesses conservation land which is open to the public.

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:18PM.