

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting February 25, 2020

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

In attendance: Richard Perrin, Mike and Debbie D'Allesandro

The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 5:32PM.

Appointments: 6:00 - Richard Perrin, US Census Representative

6:35 - Mike and Debbie D'Allesandro

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6:00 Richard Perrin, US Census representative for Rockingham and Strafford Counties, spoke with the Selectmen about the 2020 Census. The work of the Census Bureau is ongoing, conducting about 135 surveys. This will be the 23rd Census: one is conducted every 10 years. The Census is mandated by the Constitution. The goal is to count everyone. Funding from the federal government and Congressional districting are informed by the information gathered. This year's form is simple and shortened and may be completed via the phone or online. Mr. Perrin shared much about the accommodations being made for the security of information, procedures for gathering information, and opportunities for employment with the Bureau. Information about the census will be available at the Town Hall.

6:35 Mike and Debbie D'Allesandro were in attendance to get confirmation of a resolution with regard to an error with an abatement. The Selectmen apologized for the miscommunication that took place and gave the D'Alessandros confirmation in writing.

Old Business

The Selectmen noted that legal action was proceeding in 2 situations involving zoning violations.

New Business

The Selectmen signed a proclamation congratulating Gladys Heald on becoming a Centenarian. It is thought that she is Strafford's oldest resident. That will be confirmed before presenting her with the Boston Post Cane.

The Selectmen discussed the repurchase of several pieces of Town owned property and the necessary process and result of the repurchase. The Selectmen will consult the Town attorney before proceeding if actual intent to repurchase is demonstrated.

The Selectmen reviewed a request from the Planning Board to extend the deadline to decide a Site Plan Application under RSA 676:4, 1(c)(1). After a brief discussion, a vote was taken:

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

The Selectmen granted the Planning Board until April 3, 2020 to act upon the Site Plan Application from Vertex Tower Assets, LLC for the construction of a telecommunications tower at 22 Hillside Drive pursuant to RSA 676:4, 1(f).

The Selectmen discussed the current Class VI Road Construction Policy. The process for revisiting and perhaps rewriting that was discussed, along with the department heads and boards which should be included in the discussion. No action will be taken until after Town Meeting.

The Selectmen reviewed the executed Road Release provided by the attorney for Mike Whitcher with regard to the Lot 1 on Map 35. The Selectmen's Office will have Mr. Whitcher record the document, with a copy placed in the Building Department file.

The Selectmen read a written complaint about the condition of a property on Province Road. With permission, Ms. Sweet will contact the landowner, with the hopes of resolving the situation.

The Selectmen will meet for a work session of the 3rd of March to address any pending matters and conduct a non-public session pertaining to a legal matter.

There being no further business to address, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.