

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

21 April 2009

Members present:

Lynn Sweet, Chairman

Stephanie Gray

R. Stephen Leighton

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Among those attending were

Dunc Chaplin

Kevin LaCroix

Katie Kemen (NSCHSC)

Jim Lund

Dave Copeland

Drew Carter.

Ms. Kemen provided information on health programs and emergency services the Northern Strafford County Health Safety Council currently provides and will be implementing in the future. There was discussion pertaining to the recent ice storm and services provided. It was noted that this is the first time in our region that an acute care center and animal center were provided at the Rochester Middle School location. Other areas they are working on are the development of a Medical Reserve Corp, Child Care Centers, Teen Health Guides, improving communication and availability of transportation. Ongoing discussion on restructuring/regionalization of the NSCHSC was noted. A "Quick Guide" listing emergency contacts at NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management, along with a "flow chart" outlining the procedure to follow was provided by Duncan.

Duncan Chaplin (Health Officer) requested that Kevin LaCroix (currently the Deputy Health Officer), be appointed Health Officer. A motion was made, seconded and voted to do so. All were in agreement to appoint Duncan as the Deputy Health Officer and to have him continue to serve as Strafford's representative to the NSCHSC.

At this time there was discussion with the Road Agent pertaining to the progress on the ice storm clean up along the roads. The volume of brush, limbs, damaged trees to be cleaned up, hauled away or burned on people's properties was also noted. Many would like to dispose of the brush by burning. In an effort to help expedite the process and reduce some of the frustration expressed by those trying to "do the right thing" and acquire a permit, Board was in agreement that the number of hours available for the issuance of burning permits should be increased.

Dave Copeland (Building Inspector) and Drew Carter (Assistant Building Inspector) attended to discuss proposed changes in building permit fees and application procedure. Public hearing was tentatively scheduled for May 5th. Board authorized replacement of the Building Inspector's lap top and extension phone for assistant's desk. The purchase of additional reference books was also approved. Funding for all of the above is within their budget.

The proposed revision of the "Town of Strafford, NH Welfare Guidelines", which now includes the provisions of RSA 165:4-a and RSA 165:4-b and implements the same by Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
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following the procedure outlined under Section XVII, "Application of Rents paid by the Municipality" found on page 35 of the Model Local Welfare Guidelines – 2004 Edition provided by the Local Government Center, was presented and reviewed. After review, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adopt the revision in its' entirety effective this date.

After short discussion, all were in agreement that a lap top is needed for the Welfare Director. Funding will be from the welfare budget.

Jim Lund attended to discuss bonding for his subdivision road. After lengthy discussion, Board was in agreement that \$75,000. bond or letter of credit, noting the scope of the work to be done and a time line for the work to be completed would be accepted. All work must be completed within the time line specified by the bond or Town will draw the funds before the bond expires.

Recent subdivision of property located on JoAlCo Road was briefly discussed. In an effort to alleviate the request for a notation on the plan and avoid additional cost to the applicant, Board is looking for a different option (i.e. letter of discharge agreement or some other type of agreement). The Town has made no changes to this existing drainage and would like to protect it for the future, allowing it to continue to follow the natural contours.

There was discussion regarding the issuance of receipts at the Recycling Center. Many people don't want a receipt. After discussion, Board adopted a policy that requires the attendants to issue receipts to everyone dropping off items.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn.

