

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 11 June 2013

Members present: JoAnn Brown, Chairman, R. Stephen Leighton, Jim Andersen

In attendance: Michael Whitcher, Scott Whitehouse, State Representative David Bickford

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM

Minutes were read and approved as written. Payroll and bills were reviewed and payment approved. Correspondence was reviewed and discussed as necessary.

Several auctioneers have been contacted in regards to conducting the sale of Town owned property on Parker Mountain Road. The Selectmen have chosen one candidate and will interview him at an upcoming Board meeting, hopefully June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bickford introduced himself to the Selectmen as one of our State representatives in Concord; he sits on the municipal government committee. He and the Selectmen discussed some issues relating to both State and local government. Mr. Bickford reminded the Selectmen that the filing date for a bill to be considered in Concord is early September.

The Selectmen, Mike Whitcher, and Scott Whitehouse discussed several matters pertaining to the dock on Water Street which Mike shares, per long term dock agreement with Strafford Fire Department. Scott stressed the necessity of unrestricted access to the department's side of the dock. Mike is filing an application with the State to make improvements the dock and Scott, representing the Fire department will write a letter in support of the improvements as they relate to safety and rescue. The Town will provide a letter to authorizing Mr. Whitcher to act as agent.

Scott and the Selectmen discussed several items pertaining to fire department operations. Scott would like the captains of each station to have more responsibilities and to participate in the training of new hires. He presented a mileage log for department vehicles; per the Board's recommendation he will include a destination/reason to travel information on future logs. The department discovered a crack in the tank of one of the engines, but he believes its repair will be covered under warranty; Scott is following up to be sure the situation is rectified. He also gave the Selectmen, for their consideration, evaluations and job descriptions for both a paramedic and advanced technician positions. They briefly discussed the recent fire on First Crown Point Road. Scott is working on the report for that fire as well as the one for the Carlson fire earlier this year, and he will report to the Selectmen when both reports are complete. Scott asked about the procedure for billing another town when they assist in a forest fire situation. The Selectmen responded that, unless equipment is lost or damaged, Strafford does not normally bill another Town. Finally, Scott expressed concern over the difficulty to get training class organized.

At this time a motion was made by JoAnn Brown and seconded by Jim Andersen to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

JoAnn Brown – Aye, R. Stephen Leighton – Aye, Jim Andersen – Aye.

The Board entered non-public session at 7:12PM.

A motion was made by JoAnn Brown to leave non-public session and seconded by R. Stephen Leighton to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

JoAnn Brown – Aye, R. Stephen Leighton – Aye, Jim Andersen – Aye.

A motion was made Jo Ann Brown to seal the minutes of the non-public session and was seconded by R. Stephen Leighton. Roll call was taken as follows:

JoAnn Brown – Aye, R. Stephen Leighton – Aye, Jim Andersen – Aye.

Public session reconvened at 7:48PM

No decisions were made during the non-public session.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.