

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 15 April 2014

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Jim Andersen, R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman

In attendance: Paul Eaton

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

Bills and payroll were reviewed and payment was approved. Correspondence was reviewed. The Selectmen reviewed new information from DuBois & King about the Crown Point bridge construction and briefly discussed insurance coverage for the project. They also reviewed correspondence about the dam on Bow Lake indicating NHDES is aware of its need for repair.

The Selectmen received applications from David Perkins and Harmony Anderson who desire to continue serving on the Conservation Commission.

Minutes from April 1st Selectmen's Meeting were read and approved.

Paul Eaton, Spencer Lane, representing the Boy Scouts wanted to let the Board know that on Saturday, April 19th Strafford Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts would be conducting a cleanup around the area of the Bow Lake beach and dam as well as the Grange Hall.

The Selectmen worked extensively on the preparations for hiring the new Fire Chief. The advertisement of the available position will be posted in the May issue of the *Strafford Community Calendar*, *Foster's Daily Democrat*, and at the Post Office and Town Hall. The possibility of also posting the job on NHJobs.com will be investigated. The Board reviewed the Fire Chief's job description and responsibilities. A residency requirement was discussed and will be investigated further. EMS Responder certification will be required at the time of hire, and completion of EMT certification will be expected within the 1 year probation period. The position is salaried with the expectation of 40 hours per week of work in addition to on call availability. Extensive knowledge of fire code, both residential and commercial, and responsibility for its enforcement oversight was discussed. The rural nature of our community will be stressed to candidates as well. The Selectmen will have Barrington's Fire Chief review the job description for any additional suggestions.

The Selectmen discussed the composition of the committee that will present 3 to 5 applicants for the position of Fire Chief to the Board for consideration. Several people were discussed as possibilities to serve on the committee; the Selectmen will contact them as to their availability. The Selectmen would like to meet with the committee members at the April 29th Board meeting.

The Selectmen discussed at length the process and the relevant RSAs by which the Town takes properties by tax deed. In the process, they reviewed several properties with overdue taxes. No decisions were made; this discussion will be ongoing.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.