

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 17 December 2013

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

In attendance: Laurie Bibeau

The meeting was called to order at 6:18PM.

The Selectmen reviewed bills and approved payment. Correspondence was reviewed and discussed as necessary.

Steve got a quote on the light at the Recycling Center.

The treasurer discussed the extra work load required with the Town accepting credit and debit cards as payment. It seems the problem is not unique to Strafford according to our auditor. Due to the increased work load, she requested that the Selectmen increase the treasurer's salary; that would need to be approved by vote of the Town.

Selectmen looked at several warrant requests from the Fire and Rescue Department, discussing their necessity and prioritizing the requests. At the 2013 Town Meeting a full time paramedic position was approved. That position has not been filled; the Selectmen along with the Fire and Rescue Department are considering changing the scope of that position for approval at the 2014 Town Meeting. The necessity and feasibility of a new utility vehicle was discussed in conjunction with the new position. The Board will ask Scott to get some figures for a lease/purchase on a utility vehicle, and the Selectmen's Office will check on funding possibilities. Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse was scheduled to attend the meeting; due to work related situation he was not able to.

Departmental budgets were considered. The library presented a revised budget, as requested, with only a 3% increase in expenditures. It was noted that Recycling Center wages are up due to certification upgrades.

The Selectmen noted 2 areas of work to be considered at the Recycling Center- the cinder block structure housing electrical equipment and a concrete pad on the lower level underneath the containers

At this time the position of bookkeeper continues to be under discussion and will be revisited at a later date.

The Board continued the ongoing discussion about the Crown Point Bridge funding, noting some additional money in the capital reserve fund which might be applied to the project.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.