

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting July 19, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: Charlie Burnham, Judy Dupré, Scott Whitehouse

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 5:31PM.

The Board reviewed and authorized payroll and payment of bills. Minutes from July 5th Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed and approved. Board members reviewed and signed a warrant for Yield Tax and an Intent to Cut Timber.

Correspondence was reviewed and discussed. Via phone and written correspondence both Greg Messenger and the entire beach staff received commendations their work. KRT's proposed letter to present old and new assessed values to property owners was reviewed and accepted. Information about the notification to property owners and subsequent hearings will be placed in the August Community Calendar.

The Town has received a premium holiday for unemployment compensation insurance from Primex. The Selectmen authorized the use of that credit for use toward payment of the property liability insurance policy, also with Primex.

The Board members reviewed the status of tax lien payments with Tax Collector, Judy Dupre. Some suggestions were made about correspondence with several property owners.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse brought in one of the new SCBAs the department had purchased with the grant they had received. The Selectmen offered hearty congratulations for his success in being awarded the grant and for the hard work he put in to achieve it. Chief Whitehouse updated them on the work for a federal homeland security grant (100% funded) to obtain a generator for Strafford School/our local emergency shelter. They briefly discussed some of the logistics in the upcoming process of applying for the grant.

The Selectmen's Office will provide Chief Whitehouse with background and agreements pertaining to the construction of the Town dock to assist him in a project he is working on with NHDES.

Fire Chief Whitehouse also spoke with the Selectmen about security at the 3 fires stations. He outlined the problem, what has already been done and what he would like to do. Following discussion, the Selectmen made some recommendations and offered their support to his authority as Fire Chief to execute the necessary steps to secure the 3 stations.

Charlie Burnham, Back Canaan Road, reported on the investigation into the well on the Town property (formerly Hill property) on Parker Mountain Road. He, representing Strafford Library Association, went with Bill McBride to check the viability of the well for use by Hill Library. There are some problems with access to the well before testing can be done as well as the expenses of bringing the well up to State standards. Additionally, whether the Library trustees want to expend Capital Reserve funds to connect the well is in question. Mr. Burnham will attend the next trustees' meeting to discuss this further. It was agreed that upgrading the water system is within the scope of the stated purpose of the Capital Reserve

Fund monies appropriated for improvements to the library at the 2016 Town Meeting.

Progress on “cleanup” at several properties in Town was noted and commended. Further work will be discussed at future Board meetings with the owners in attendance.

Pete LaChapelle from Waste Management will be contacted about trucks accessing the Recycling Center via Range Road. They had formerly agreed to use only the main roads, but have begun to use Range Road once again.

EMF is continuing the work to connect all computers and software to the new server. Three new laptops will be added to the server on Thursday, replacing older models that were not able to be connected to the server.

The Selectmen would like the Recycling Center employees to monitor/enforce stickers more closely as it seems that there is an increase in the out of town use of the facility.

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

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

The Board entered non-public session at 6:10PM.

A motion was made by Bryant Scott to leave non-public session and seconded by Lynn Sweet to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

Public session reconvened at 6:21PM.

A motion was made by Scott Young and seconded by Lynn Sweet to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Selectmen discussed Town attorney’s review of a draft road maintenance agreement with Mr. Rowe for Evans Mountain Road. The Town was advised that it is not permissible for the Town to expend funds for the repair of a Class VI road; however, private individuals or organizations may. Some discussion followed about possible ways to achieve the goal of assisting with the maintenance of that road.

A suggestion was made to investigate solar panels at the Recycling Center to offset electric usage at the facility. Several questions were raised, but it was generally thought to be an idea worthy of investigation.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.