

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting September 1, 2015

Members present: Jim Andersen, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and Bryant Scott  
In attendance: Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse and Police Chief Scott Young

The Selectmen's meeting commenced at 6:00PM.

The Selectmen reviewed and authorized payroll and payment of bills. Minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. The Selectmen signed a contract for the use and maintenance of the copier at the Town Hall.

Emergency Management Director Scott Whitehouse requested a letter from the Selectmen in support of a grant for which he is applying. He hopes to be approved for a 100% grant for a generator for Strafford Elementary School which serves as the Town's emergency center. He also requested that the Board member become certified, via an online course, in incident management.

Chief Whitehouse explained that he is exercising caution in issuing burn permits, even suspending issuance in light of dry conditions. The department, in general, has been busy with calls. Scott continues to address the need for repair/replacement of dry hydrants. He would like to install a dry hydrant on the newly constructed First Crown Point Bridge as well as at Wiley Pond.

Chairman Andersen expressed thanks to Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse and Police Lieutenant Mike Richard for their prompt response to a water problem at the Town Office earlier in the day.

Discussion continued from previous meetings about land use and police and fire intervention as they relate to public/private events. Some clarification was made by the Town attorney.

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

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:34PM.

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:

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

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

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

Public session reconvened at 7:22PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

In October the Town will receive information from Healthtrust about new health insurance rates. At that time the Board will review the rates and benefits of various plans and providers.

The Selectmen's Office will ask Scott Whitehouse to attend the next Board meeting to review the completion of the requirements of his probationary period as Fire Chief.

Requests for proposals for the assessing contract will be sent out this week and will be due September 28, 2015.

A question was raised about the availability of municipal funding for technology in consideration of future upgrades. The Selectmen's Office will make inquiries concerning that.

In October, all departments will be asked to have that next year's preliminary budgets and funding request to the Selectmen for the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bob Durfee from DuBois and King would like to meet with the Board to plan for funding the design phase of the Barn Door Gap Bridge if that is a budget consideration.

The Board inquired about the status of the voting machine approved at the 2015 Town Meeting. The Town Clerk's office is handling that, but it has not yet been ordered.

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.