

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 24, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: Judy Dupré, Bill Booth, Mark Montross, Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 5:30PM.

The Board reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills as well as minutes from the May 10, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting. The Selectmen reviewed correspondence and the tax collector's report on lien payments. They reviewed and signed the assessor's recommendations for several abatements.

Mr. Montross, Parsons Hill Road, met with the Board members to receive an update on the status of the situation on Parsons Hill Road where it appears there are violations of Town ordinances and local building codes. Building Inspector, Bill Booth, reported that a letter outlining the possible violations had been delivered, which he reviewed with Mr. Montross. The Selectmen added that the landowner has been given a deadline to begin compliance and they will review the situation when that deadline has passed. Mr. Montross reported that he has already seen some improvement and is hopeful for continued progress toward compliance.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse and the Selectmen discussed several matters pertaining to the Fire Department. Scott reported that 3 dry hydrants have been installed on 3 bridges in Town. Difficulties with fabrication continue, but Scott is enthused about the innovative design of the hydrants. Several problems and possible solutions with regard to the dock used by the Fire Department for lake emergencies and rescue were also discussed. No decisions were made; the matter will be researched further and discussed at a later date. Chief Whitehouse gave a brief report on the fire in a trailer on Parker Mountain.

In response to a few requests made to the School Board and Board of Selectmen for public broadcast of meetings, the Selectmen's Office researched the cost of providing that service. The Board members reviewed the cost estimate provided by Metrocast. The expected initial cost would range from \$15,000 to \$20,000; the cost of equipment and yearly maintenance are as yet unknown. Based on this information, the Board, by unanimous decision, voted not to move forward.

A public meeting to vote on the Strafford School teachers' contract will be held at the School on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 9:00AM.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.