

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting October 25, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: John Dupere, Tom Dupere, Bill Booth, Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Police Chief Mike Richard, Eric Rowe, Brian Monahan

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

Payment of payroll and bills were reviewed and approved. Minutes from the October 11th Selectmen's Meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was reviewed and signed as necessary. Board members reviewed and approved the final valuations from the 2016 Statistical Revaluation prepared by KRT and signed NHDRA form MS -1, the Summary of Inventory Valuation. The Town gained approximately 7 million dollars in valuation this year, partially due to the revaluation. They reviewed and signed Fire Chief Whitehouse's yearly contract.

The manager of the Recycling Center would like to advertise for an additional operator, at least on a temporary basis, to cover his temporary absence and that of another operator. The Selectmen reviewed and approved the ad to be placed in the *Foster's Daily Democrat* and posted around Town.

Metrocast was responsive to some problems with internet service that the Town Hall was experiencing, replacing the modem inside and the amplifier at the road.

Board members and others met with John and Tom Dupere to discuss the cleanup situation on their property on Parker Mountain Road in response to numerous complaints. Many aspects of the problem were addressed. Mr. Dupere reported that the paper bundles had been removed as of the day of the meeting. He will burn pallets as soon as snowfall allows. The Selectmen asked for a timeline for completion of the cleanup of the front of the property; John and Tom agreed that January 1, 2017 was a reasonable deadline for completion. The Board members stressed that progress in the cleanup effort must steady and visible. Others attendees weighed in. Police Chief Richard addressed the traffic and safety issue with trucks pulling out onto the State road with confusing and limited visibility, citing the danger that presents for all motorists involved. The Selectmen will continue to monitor the situation weekly and document progress. They expressed gratitude for John and Tom's willingness to meet with the Board, and the Board remains supportive of the pallet business continuing at the property. Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse had previously visited the property and provided the Town and the Duperes with written documentation of the fire code violations. He and John and Tom Dupere adjourned to another room to address the Fire Chief's particular fire code concerns and work out a suitable timeline. Chief Whitehouse provided the Duperes with a letter outlining the corrective actions that must be taken. The aforementioned date of January 1, 2017 is the deadline for compliance. That letter is included as an addendum to these minutes. Chief Whitehouse will follow-up.

Eric Rowe was in attendance to receive an update on the question of the maintenance of Evans Mountain Road. At a recent Conservation Commission meeting where Mr. Scott and Ms. Sweet were in attendance the Conservation Commission's participation in the project was favorably discussed. Mr. Rowe reported on the progress he is making on his own and looks forward to a cooperative effort in the spring/summer by which all parties will benefit.

Brian Monahan, Chairman of the Strafford School Board, was in attendance to initiate budgeting discussions between both the School Board and the Board of Selectmen. It was his hope, that while both boards will continue to work independently on their respective budgets, there can be periodic communication between them. Increases in health insurance and consequent decisions, salaries, school population and some known budget items were discussed. The School Board will return a sizeable refund from HealthTrust to the taxpayers this year. Engaging more residents in the election, budget hearing, and school and town meeting process is a goal for both boards. A Town wide mailing was suggesting as a reminder of meeting and election dates. Some thoughts were brought forward about meeting dates; communication between the 2 boards will continue through the "budgeting season".

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 7:02PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened at 7:29PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

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

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

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35