

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting October 27, 2015

Members present: Jim Andersen, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and Bryant Scott

In attendance: Lisa Soiett, Stephen Leighton, Doug Patteson, Scott Young, Randy Young, Bill Vance

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 6:03PM.

The Selectmen met with the members of the Police Chief Search Committee to explain the nature of their charge. They outlined a proposed timeline for the process, hoping to have a new police chief in place by April 1, 2016. The Board answered a few questions, after which the committee members adjourned to the conference room to arrange for meeting dates and to elect a chairperson. A spokesperson for the committee returned before the Board meeting had adjourned to submit the advertisement to be placed on the Regionalhelpwanted.com website; the ad will run for 30 days. The deadline for applications to be submitted for the position of police chief is December 8, 2015, at 4:00PM.

Bills and payroll were reviewed and payment was approved. The Selectmen reviewed and addressed correspondence as necessary and signed a timber warrant.

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 (b). Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 6:30PM.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet to leave non-public session and seconded by Bryant Scott 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 Mr. Andersen and seconded by Bryant Scott 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 6:45PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

Mr. Vance, Province Road, expressed his concern to the Board members about the spread of Japanese knotweed in our Town. The State has laid out some guidelines for handling it along State roads, but nothing seems to be permanently effective. Mr. Vance made some suggestions from his research and left the Selectmen with some information.

Mr. Vance shared his concern about the safety of kayakers using the public dock. He suggested that an additional board be added to the narrow board along the water edge of the dock to create a better footstep for those entering their small crafts from the public dock. The Selectmen took his suggestion under advisement.

The Selectmen's Office will look into submitting an article to the Community Calendar about Police Chief Scott Young's career and retirement as well as information about the Police Chief Search Committee.

Several roadway matters were discussed. Questions were raised about the classification of the scenic road designation as it relates to a Class VI road and the process for tree removal on a Class VI road which is designated as a "scenic road". More research will be done on the subject.

Keith Gagnon, Strafford's DRA appraiser will attend the next Selectmen's meeting.

The new MTBE Remediation Bureau hopes to be sampling water from private wells at approximately 75 locations in the Province Road, Water Street and Drake Hill Road areas of Town. The State will notify property owners by mail, and participation is voluntary. The Selectmen's Office will notify the Police Department that this activity will be taking place.

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.

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