

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 30 September 2014

Members present: Steve Leighton, Chairman, Jim Andersen and Lynn Sweet
In attendance: Mo Baxter, Nancy Fraher, and Indra Edmonds, Ken Berry

The meeting was called to order at 6:15PM.

Minutes from the September 16, 2014 meeting were read and approved as written. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and the payment of bills. Correspondence was read.

Nancy Fraher is seeking the NH State Senate seat in District 17 this November. She introduced herself to the Board and discussed briefly her background, philosophy, and goals should she be elected.

Library trustee, Indra Edmonds, Sloper Road, reported to the Selectmen upcoming plans for the Hill Library. The trustees would like to increase the hours the library is open. With Ken Berry's upcoming retirement, they have begun looking for a new librarian and are making plans for the transition. The trustees are meeting with librarians from other town libraries to learn how they operate in the hopes gaining creative solutions to some of the areas where they would like to see improvement at the Hill Library. The trustees would like to see the library meet the needs of the diverse population of Strafford residents. The Selectmen asked the trustees to prepare a 5 year plan.

At the meeting Ken Berry, Evans Mountain Road, offered his letter of resignation as librarian to Indra Edmonds, who was representing the Library's Board of Trustees; he stated that he had enjoyed serving the town where he was born and educated.

A flu clinic conducted by Rochester VNA will be held on Thursday October 16th from 10-12 at the Town Office.

The Selectmen's Office will look into the legality of a private donation being given to the Town with a specified use.

Several Fire department matters were discussed. The replacement of the bridge from Province Road to Bow Lake Estates is scheduled for November. Fire and Rescue issues during that period and the date of the draw down of the lake were briefly discussed. Fire Chief Whitehouse would like to have the department's pontoon boat available for use in case of emergency.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:29PM.