

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting December 6, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young

In attendance: Mark Montross, Michael Rousch, Jeffrey Labreque Jr., Building Inspector, Bill Booth

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 5:31PM.

Board members reviewed bills and payroll and approved payment. Correspondence was reviewed and discussed as necessary.

The Board members had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Mark Montross and Mr. Michael Rousch, both of Parsons Hill Road about a situation of concern to them at 71 Parsons Hill Road. The progress made thus far to address their concerns was reviewed and found to be unsatisfactory to the two men. The two gentlemen expressed desire that the Town become more aggressive in remedying the situation. They submitted written complaint about life/safety issues at the property. The Fire Chief will visit the property and file a formal report. The Selectmen stressed the necessity of proceeding step by step and giving the resident ample opportunity to comply with local ordinances. The Selectmen assured Mr. Montross and Mr. Rousch that they are prepared to take the appropriate legal steps if necessary. Mr. Montross and Mr. Rousch left their contact information.

The Selectmen signed an appointed slip for Sharon Madore as a Library Trustee, replacing Pam Boyer who has resigned.

Health inspector, Kevin Lacroix will not be renewing his appointment. Scott Whitehouse, in his role as Fire Chief, was suggested as a replacement. The Selectmen will speak with him at the December 20th meeting.

Linda Pape was appointed to the Governor's Commission on Disability as the coordinator for ADA compliance.

Mr. Jeffrey Labreque, Jr. was in attendance to speak with the Selectmen about his property on Drake Hill Road where he is planning to build a new home. Currently there is currently a Cease and Desist Order on the project until DES permitting is obtained. He presented background information regarding wetlands permitting and his previous discussions with Bill price from NHDES and Strafford Building Inspector Bill Booth. He is awaiting a decision from NHDES about the location of the permissible wetlands crossing to get to his house site. He was seeking permission from the Selectboard to use the unpermitted bridge currently in place so that he can proceed with the construction of his home. He outlined the protective measures he had taken. While the Selectmen were sympathetic to his situation, the NHDES approval for the bridge location supersedes their authority. Inspector Booth agreed to lift the Cease and Desist Order if NHDES permission for the bridge location is granted.

The Board members reviewed correspondence from Ashley Rowe offering to assist with the review of septic plans. At this point, they do not believe any assistance is needed, but expressed appreciation for his offer and will keep him in mind in the event that the situation changes. The Selectmen's Office will respond by letter

Building Inspector Bill Booth spoke with the Selectmen about the permitting fees. The Town of Strafford currently bases the cost of the permit on square feet while other towns use a cost of construction as a basis. Bill will investigate options used by nearby towns. He reported that his budget will be fine as is for

2017.

The Selectmen will hold a work session on Thursday the 15th at 9:00 to work on budgets. The next Selectmen's meeting will be on the 20th.

Tax Collector, Judy Dupré gave an update on 2 properties that may soon be taken due to unpaid taxes.

The status of the cleanup at the property at Map 12 Lot 28 (1493 Parker Mountain Road) was discussed, there being little or no visible progress. A deadline of January 1, 2017 for cleanup had been put forward by Tom Dupere at the October 25, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting and was agreed upon by all in attendance. The Selectmen's Office will send a letter of reminder and the deadline to both John and Tom Dupere, and they will be asked to attend the December 20th Selectmen's Meeting for a 6:15 appointment. Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse will be asked to attend as well.

Upcoming 2017 dates: Petitions for the 2017 Town Warrant are due by February 7th
The Budget Hearing will be on February 7th with 9th as the "snow day"
Election of Town and School District officials will be on March 14th
Town Meeting will be held on March 18th

Ms. Sweet reported that the Hazard Mitigation Committee had met earlier in the day. In reviewing the current plan in place it was discussed that the NH Army National Guard does not have an onsite fire department, but rather depends on the services of our Town Fire department. With activity increasing at the site, it might be a consideration to have our fire department trained in incidents that are specific to the NHANG, such as helicopter crashes and accidents at the shooting range. The Selectmen will reach out to them to further a cooperative effort between Town services and the NHANG.

Craig Hastings will be overseeing the attendants at the Recycling Center while Ben Francum is away for the winter.

There being no further business to bring before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.