

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

5 August 2008

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and Stephanie Gray.

After short discussion, Selectmen voted unanimously to enter into a 2 year agreement to be included with SVRA group of communities to qualify for combination rating for insurance through Local Government Center. Board anticipates that participation in combination rating will help reduce the cost of insurance. Letter authorizing same was signed.

Bay Ring proposal was reviewed. It was noted that although there are projected savings in some areas, there would not be in others. Board will compare with what Fairpoint can offer.

Road Agent attended to discuss status of French Meadow Way. It was noted that Ed Kelley is handling the inspection. There was discussion regarding Mr. Larmer's road construction for access through Cross Road for the purpose of securing a building permit. Board advised 16' traveled way, plus 2' shoulders on each side, for access to a single house. Repairs needed on Bernard Road were noted. An area on left side between 2nd and 3rd house should be cut out and re-tarred.

After review and consideration, a motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes taken at the July 15th meeting of the Board.

Don Clifford attended to give an update on progress at the new Town Office building. Snow load on the sonar tubes was discussed. Mr. Leighton will view. Don also mentioned future conversations he will be having with the Board regarding possible improvements/repairs to snowmobile bridges. Board also directed him to contact the Conservation Commission and School District with respect to the properties under their jurisdiction.

Board received letter of resignation from Loren Pierce as the Fire Chief, to be effective August 30, 2008. Board noted their appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the Town. He will still continue as member of the department. The department will hold an election for his office within two months, as required under their bylaws.

It was noted that the Board of Selectmen has gone on record stating that "the Town of Strafford considers the Perambulations as conducted by the Town of Barrington and the Town of Strafford, and the various perambulation markers, as the property boundary between the two towns." A letter to the Barrington Board of Selectmen was reviewed and signed.

Correspondence was read.

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Intent to Cut form for Map 4, Lot 11 was reviewed and signed.

MS-1 Extension Request form was reviewed and signed.

Invoice for costs associated with response to forest fire located at 1239 First Crown Point Road was reviewed and signed.

Stephanie noted that the Garden Club will be handling the plantings at the new Town Office. All present appreciate their willingness and effort.

After short discussion pertaining to damages caused by the recent tornado involving the removal of trees, Board voted that although an intent should be filed to facilitate the removal of damaged trees, the tax would be abated when the timber had no value.

Proposal for replacement of dock on Water Street was reviewed. Correspondence with the State was discussed. Due to the length time involved in the permitting process, estimated time of construction would be next Spring. Board has been corresponding with the NH Fish and Game requesting their assistance with the project in a similar manner to the construction of the boat launch on Water Street (Town provided the materials and State provided the labor). Selectmen have requested additional proposals. Discussion will continue upon receipt of the other proposals.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.