

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting March 22, 2022

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Brian Monahan, Chris Garcia

In Attendance: Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Police Chief Mike Richard, Matt Messenger-Road Agent, Jim Andersen-Recycling Center, and Genny Rizzotti

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. A rundown of procedures was made to our newest Selectman, Chris Garcia.

First on the agenda was to elect a new Chairman of the Selectmen's Board. A motion was made by Brian Monahan to elect Lynn Sweet as Chairman. Chris Garcia seconded the nomination. A vote was taken:

Brian Monahan-Aye Lynn Sweet-Aye Chris Garcia-Aye

Lynn Sweet has served as Chairman previously and accepted the position. Ms. Sweet will serve as the Chairman for the upcoming year.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills. The minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting on March 8, 2022 were read and approved. The Selectmen approved and signed an Intent to Cut. The Report of Appropriations was considered and signed.

The Selectmen were given a brief update on the lease agreement for the new Fire Engine. The Board was in agreement that the contract for the lease/purchase of the Fire Engine, authorized by the approval of Article 13 at the 2022 Town Meeting, could be signed after completion of the Town Attorney's review and approval.

A possible Memorial Day Parade was discussed. With time getting short, the Selectmen are hoping several will step forward and volunteer their efforts. If the Town is unable to get a parade organized, perhaps there could be some sort of ceremony by the dam.

6:00PM-Some of Strafford's Department Heads were in attendance to meet and greet the Selectmen. Each spoke on behalf of their Department and familiarized the Board with some of the names in their division. The Selectmen appreciated the time each had made in coming to the meeting.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Chris Garcia to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan - Aye, Chris Garcia - Aye

RSA 91-A:3, II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

The Board entered non-public session at 6:13PM.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan to leave non-public session and seconded by Lynn Sweet to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan - Aye, Chris Garcia - Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:19PM

A decision was made during the non-public session.

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

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia – Aye

At this time a motion was made by Brian Monahan and seconded by Chris Garcia to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia – Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:21PM.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan to leave non-public session and seconded by Lynn Sweet to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia – Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:42PM

A decision was made during the non-public session.

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

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia – Aye

The Board met with Jim Andersen concerning some changes at the Recycling Center/Transfer Station. It was unanimously decided to change the hours at the Station: Saturdays 8-3; Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3-7PM during the summer months as a trial period. This would give the employees one full day over the weekend as some that work there have other jobs during the week. Selectman Sweet noted that this would be a trial period only and if the Select Board felt that the Town needed the Transfer Station to be opened both Saturday and Sunday, the hours would go back to what they were. The open times of the Transfer Station will change June 1st and run thru September 5th.

Mr. Andersen is also looking into the possibility of being able to take expired fluorescent bulbs. He has researched the cost and feels it would be minimal. The Station would have to have some sort of container for the bulbs to be placed in order that the bulbs remain uncompromised. Mr. Andersen feels the cost would be minimal.

Mr. Andersen also asked about an allotment for proper footwear for the employees at the Transfer Station i.e. steel toed work boots. The Selectmen discussed and approved an allotment of \$150 per employee for boots, suggested a voucher to be given to a particular store.

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed a quote for the welding of the Town owned compactor. Given the condition of the compactor making this a timely repair, the Selectmen approved the repair to be done.

Selectmen Sweet asked that Mr. Andersen take pictures of the backhoe to start the process in procuring a possible buyer.

Mr. Andersen also reported to the Selectmen that Northeast Resource Recovery has started to see Transfer Stations receive solar panels that have aged out. This is something that the Town might have to consider in the not too distant future.

Two member re-appointments for the Conservation Commission were looked over and approved.

A shore land permit for Bow Lake Estates was also reviewed.

The Selectmen approved a request from the Bow Lake Camp Owner's Association for 2 events to be held at the beach area during the summer months as long as the Grange/Community Center is notified in case the Grange/Community Center should have an event already scheduled. Selectman Monahan will contact the BLCOA representative requesting he coordinate with the Grange/Community Center.

BLCOA asks that the Fire Chief close off the parking lot the night before for one of the events in order the Association can set up cooking apparatus. The Selectmen are leaving the closure at the Fire Chief's discretion.

Two abatement forms were signed agreeing with the the Assessor's findings.

Interviews for a Building Inspector will begin May 17th.

A date of June 14th was set as the next Multi-Board Meeting.

An update was given on the contract for the Barn Door Gap Bridge being signed with Northeast Earth Mechanics. The construction will begin in July. The completion depends on weather and water levels.

A junkyard situation was briefly discussed. Seeing no further cooperation with the resident that the Board has extensively tried to work with and deadlines/requests not being met, the Selectmen see no other alternative then to send this situation to the Town's lawyer.

Employee forms with pay raises were signed. These pay changes were approved at Town Meeting.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and voted on.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.