

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting April 5, 2022

Members present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman and Brian Monahan
In Attendance: Jim Andersen

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of invoices, the minutes from the March 22, 2022 meeting were read and approved, three intents to cut timber were approved and signed, a report of a timber cut and tax warrant was signed, notices of pay rates for the Library were read and approved, the Strafford Landfill Groundwater Management permit renewal was read and signed. Other miscellaneous correspondence was discussed. The Selectmen were notified that as of this date, the Town has not had any applicants for the lifeguard positions for the summer.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan 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

The Board entered non-public session at 5:51PM.

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

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Brian Monahan – Aye

Public session reconvened at 5:55PM.

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

Mr. Jim Andersen was again in attendance to speak to the Board about the Recycling Center. The Selectmen asked Mr. Andersen to get a quote for signage he thinks necessary. An electrician has looked at a lighting issue at the Recycling Center and will be sending a quote for the repair to Selectman Sweet. Mr. Andersen would also like a new sign posting the fees associated for the scrap metal, furniture, electronics, tires, etc. The Selectmen asked that he hold off on that as they will be revisiting what the fees are now and consider whether there needs to be an adjustment. Mr. Andersen has been in contact with Waste Management and they confirmed that Compactor 1 and 2 will be replaced with new units. A work order is being put in to get them replaced.

The Selectmen agreed that the Recycling Center would be closed on Sunday, April 17th for Easter.

At this time, Selectman Monahan made a motion with Chairman Sweet seconding to confirm the agreement referenced in the March 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes 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 the completion of the Town Attorney's review and approval.

A vote was taken:

Lynn Sweet - Aye Brian Monahan – Aye

A status report was given in reference to the purchase/lease of the new fire engine that legal counsel has approved the contract and has now been signed.

The Town Clerk had a young man interested in designing a Town flag. Upon further investigation and then contacting the Historical Society, the Town was able to verify that Strafford already has its own flag. The Town Administrator located one of the actual 2 flags in existence with the other being at the Historical Society. The history of the symbolism of Strafford's own flag was read. It was noted that the first town flag ever officially adopted in the history of the State of New Hampshire was in Strafford. The Selectmen agreed the one found at the Town Hall be restored, framed, and hung in the Conference Room.

There will be a Multi-Board/Department Head meeting Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00PM. A notice will be sent to Department Heads with Natalie Moles of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission sending notifications to Board members. An update on the Master Plan Contract will be asked about at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday, April 7th. The contract is being constructed by Strafford Regional Planning Commission and will be sent out soon with work beginning in July.

There will be no Selectmen's Meeting on April 19th. Interviews for the Building inspector will start May 17th when all of the Board will be in attendance.

Upon no further business, a motion was made and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:54PM.