

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting July 25, 2022

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Brian Monahan, Chris Garcia

In Attendance: Judith Dupré, Tax Collector and Martha English, Deputy Tax Collector

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

The Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector were in to speak with the Board about a letter being sent to tax payers in order to recover fees for non-sufficient funds. Ms. Dupré clarified that this letter is not about the taxes themselves, but for the overdraft fee. After discussion, the Selectmen feel the letter is fine in context but since this is a form letter, a revised date be typed towards the bottom of the letter. The Board looked at the list of those that are in arrears of paying their taxes and discussed/questioned the Tax Collectors on certain properties.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of invoices, the minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting were read and approved. Two land use warrants were signed, a pay rate was briefly discussed and approved. A letter in support of a historical marker being placed on Route 126 for Austin Hall/Austin Care Academy was signed. A note from Fire chief Whitehouse was read explaining that after the generator at the Town Hall was serviced last week, JD Powers noticed that the Town Hall does not have a transfer switch which is required to meet code. An electrician has been notified and will be getting a price to bring the Town Hall up to code.

The Town Clerk and the Auditor are working on updating the Town's assets. A Form was given to each department that will need to be completed and back to the Town Clerk by August 5th.

An email was read concerning the handicap access to the beach area being unsafe and not being wide enough for a wheelchair. The Selectmen were show pictures of the area in question and agree that it is not adequate for a wheelchair; however this is not up to the Town. The State has been notified about this and an email sent to the concerned resident explaining that this will need to be looked into by the State.

The gate by the dam for the beach area will remain unlocked until/if the beach program resumes. Some miscellaneous correspondence was looked over with some discussion.

Selectman Garcia gave an update on the Recycling Center and the Town owned Mixed Paper Compactor that has slowed down considerably in its operation. Advanced Recycling evaluated the unit and will be in contact with the cost of repair. It was also suggested to replace with a new or refurbished unit as this might not be a simple repair. Discussion turned to some safety concerns which will be addressed directly to the employees.

An update was given on a property in Town. After several attempts to work with the property owner, the Selectmen have given this issue over to the Town's Attorney. The property owner has been sent a letter from the Town's attorney.

The Town is also in correspondence with the attorney in regards to another property being repurchased from the Town.

A Master Plan meeting took place last week. All upcoming meetings have been scheduled and are posted on the Town's website (<https://strafford.nh.gov/>). The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 16th at 7PM.

A meeting for the Barn Door Gap Bridge took place last week with the Board and the contractors. A yield to stop sign will be placed at the site where necessary. The construction will take place in the next few weeks.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.