

**Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting/
Multi-Board/Department Head Meeting
September 20, 2022**

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Chris Garcia

In Attendance: Police Chief Mike Richard

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll and bills, minutes from the September 6th and September 13th meetings were read and approved. Two tax warrants for timber cuts and a change order for the Barn Door Gap Bridge in regards to the guardrails were read and approved. Some miscellaneous correspondence was read and will be discussed at a future 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 (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye Chris Garcia - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 5:30PM.

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

Lynn Sweet – Aye Chris Garcia - Aye

Public session reconvened at 5:51PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were made during the non-public session.

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

Lynn Sweet – Aye Chris Garcia – Aye

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 (e). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye Chris Garcia - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 5:52PM.

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

Lynn Sweet – Aye Chris Garcia - Aye

Public session reconvened at 5:55PM.

A decision was made to secure and ensure safety to a certain property in Town.

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

Lynn Sweet – Aye Chris Garcia - Aye

A request was made to place a food donation container in the lobby of the Town Hall on election day in November. The Board approved this request as long as no candidate's name is on the container.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to recess the Selectmen's meeting to begin the multi-board meeting in the conference room. The Selectmen's meeting was recessed at 5:59PM.

Multi Board/Department Head Meeting

In Attendance: Police Chief Mike Richard, Matt Messenger, Greg Messenger, Tim Reed, Phil Auger, Charlie Moreno, Terry Hyland, Don Coker, Scott Hodgdon, Dan Howard, Joe White

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Ms. Sweet welcomed and thanked those in attendance. Ms. Sweet posed the question to those attending asking if the multi board meetings were still necessary since the attendance has been low. Mr. Auger and Mr. Coker felt these meetings were important- especially for the continuation in strengthening communications between all the Boards. It was mentioned that over 500 people had taken the survey for the Master Plan.

Phil Auger and Charlie Moreno from the Planning Board discussed the quality of the lake water and the possible future changes to preserve the Town's natural resource.

Mr. Auger suggested the purity of the lake water is compromised due to inadequate drip edges and aging septic systems from homes around the lake, most of which are older seasonal homes. He added another consideration is the residents using fertilizers on their lawns possibly making its way into the lake.

Mr. Coker brought up the Shoreline Protection Law asking if this is something the Town could enforce. Chairman Sweet verified that the Town had adopted this law and the Zoning Board on whether or not it should be enforced. Mr. Hyland suggested that these considerations be on a building permit application. The Board agrees with these additional categories on the building permit and possibly offering further educational classes from a "lake educator" on the topic of building on properties around the lake at a future multi board meeting; if not for all the Boards, at least for the Planning and Zoning Boards along with the Building Inspectors.

Charlie Moreno discussed a regulation of long term RV use on properties in Strafford stating that several surrounding towns have time limits on residing in an RV with proof that the RVs have proper water and septic systems. Mr. Auger added that several RVs have been set up on Brown's Pasture Road and his concerns for the sanitary aspect. Chairman Sweet stated that if the Town were to adopt a policy, it would have to be enforced Town wide and not just on lake property.

Mr. Auger asked the Selectmen about a Class VI road policy. The Selectmen will be addressing this at a future Selectmen's meeting.

There were no other discussions or concerns brought up from other Department Heads. The next Multi-Board Meeting will be on January 10th, 2023.

A motion was made by Don Coker, seconded by Matt Messenger, and voted on to adjourn the Multi Board Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:43PM.

The Selectmen's Meeting resumed at 6:50PM. The Selectmen briefly discussed upcoming events. With no other business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The Selectmen's Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.