

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting April 18, 2023

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

The business portion of Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills. Minutes of the April 4<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting were considered and approved. Two Intents to Cut and one Intent to Excavate was signed, two Timber Tax Warrants and one Excavation Tax Warrant were signed, 2022 Abatements were considered and approved, notices of pay rate were signed, the Strafford Regional Planning Commission Mapping Agreement was discussed and approved, Deputy Fire Warden Candidate appointment requests were read, approved and signed, an appointment for an alternate Library Trustee was approved, miscellaneous correspondence was read and discussed.

The public session of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 6PM.

In Attendance: Police Chief Randy Young and Hammond Brown

Hammond Brown was in attendance to encourage the Town to get involved in "Community Power"- an organization, if joined, allows towns to purchase wholesale electric power on behalf of residents with the goal of providing it at lower prices. In order to join the coalition, it would have to be voted on at Town Meeting. A committee would have to be formed to research the benefits and costs and then present their findings at Town Meeting. The Selectmen are beginning to research this issue and noted that State Representative Mike Harrington has recommended several utility solutions to Strafford's residents as well. The Board thanked Mr. Hammond for attending.

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to appoint Monique White as an alternate Library Trustee. A decision was made on the hiring of the Town Clerk's Assistant. (The Deputy Town Clerk will be out on maternity leave starting April 20<sup>th</sup>.)

Jen Czys from Strafford Regional Planning will be contacted in the near future in order to meet with the Board and touch base with any updates or issues that have arisen since last year.

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 (b). Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 6:35PM

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, Chris Garcia - Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:59PM.

A decision was made to fill a vacant position at the Police Department.

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

A purchase order was signed for a “new to the Town” backhoe for the Recycling Center. A brief discussion ensued

Correspondence from a resident was discussed concerning scheduling an event. After careful consideration and police availability, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to not approve the request. Also discussed was an inquiry from a resident in regards to Fidium (fiber internet). It was noted at this point, Fidium is not available in Strafford.

The draft of Class VI Road Policy was quickly looked over. It was decided that the Policy would be reviewed and will be further considered at the next Selectmen’s Meeting.

There were no updates to be given on Barn Door Gap Bridge project.

A request to have a recycling bin for books at the Recycling Center was discussed. The Board will reach out to the President of the Friends of the Library to get more information and specifics.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.