

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 16, 2023

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

In Attendance: Police Chief Randy Young, Road Agent Matt Messenger, Ken Rodgers and Rob Tozier from KRT Appraisal Services, Jen Czysz from Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Clarinda Donle, Peggy Copher, Dan Howard, Joe White, Roberta Hunter, Mary Hoyt, Andrew Hussey, Katie Miller, Tim Taylor

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills. Minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectmen's Meeting were considered and approved. Notices of pay rate and new employee pay rates were signed. A current use tax bill was approved and signed. An appointment slip of Alternate Library Trustee was voted on and approved.

The Board considered and approved an enforcement notification letter in reference to the Town's sign ordinance. After a brief discussion, the letter was approved. Procedures on issuance will be discussed at a future meeting. Miscellaneous correspondence was read with some discussion.

Police Chief Young was in attendance to give an update on upcoming expenses that were not expected. The Board understands that some things happen that weren't planned and assured the Chief those expenses could be covered.

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 (c). Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 5:39PM.

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 6:05PM.

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, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia – Aye

Ken Rodgers and Rob Tozier from KRT came in to meet the Selectmen. KRT introduced themselves to the Selectmen relaying to the Board that Maine and New Hampshire are their biggest clients. They gave a quick synopsis of the services they provide to our Town which includes annual cyclical reviews of areas and overseeing the State mandated revaluations every 5 years. It was suggested that the current

appraising software be upgraded. This will be decided after some research. The Selectmen appreciated KRT's time in coming in to meet with them.

Jen Czysz from Strafford Regional Planning Commission was in to give an update on their work with Strafford.

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 (c). Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 6:30PM.

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

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

Public session reconvened at 6:53PM.

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

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

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

Clarinda Donle came before the Board concerning a culvert that is located on her property. With recent storms, the culvert could not accommodate the excessive water flow and caused some damage. Matt Messenger and Greg Messenger have been to her property several times this last week discussing this and explaining that this wasn't a Town issue. Ms. Donle's neighbor, Peggy Copher was in attendance as well and suggested that perhaps some sort of a basin be installed. The Board listened and decided that Ms. Sweet and Matt Messenger would go to the property in the morning and meet with them. Ms. Sweet will report to the Board her findings at the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At 7:20PM, the meeting moved into the Conference Room in order to accommodate several attendees: Dan Howard, Joe White, Roberta Hunter, Mary Hoyt, Andrew Hussey, Sarah Hussey, Katie Miller, Tim Taylor

Several residents were in attendance to discuss a camper that has been being lived in all winter on Fire Road 29. The president of the Brown's Pasture Road Association, Katie Miller, explained their concerns of setbacks not being met, potable water, waste disposal, and the safety of the owner because of the use of a generator under a tarp. Ms. Miller also stated that Amazon packages are now being delivered to the property.

The Town has tried to reach out several times to the owner since this fall.

Also in attendance was the owner of the property in question, Roberta Hunter. Ms. Hunter had been sent a letter last week stating that the camper must have an approved disposal system. Ms. Hunter

claims that she has only been sleeping in the camper and uses public restrooms, showering at a health club.

The Board reiterated the RSA 216-I:4 stating there must be some type of septic system whether flush or composting toilets. Furthermore, RSA 216-I:13 states that a camper cannot be on a parcel of land for more than 7 days unless the owner provides a letter of compliance with RSA 216:I-4. A letter had not been filed with the Town.

Ms. Hunter filed a letter tonight with the Building Inspectors. However, after reading what Ms. Hunter had filed, it was determined that the letter was not one of compliance, but a quote for the disposal in the camper to be pumped. Ms. Hunter claims that the system is empty because she has not been using it. She also stated that the camper is now closed and will be moved to another piece of property she is in the process of purchasing.

The Board feels that Ms. Hunter has every right to be on her own land but needs to provide the Town with an approved disposal system for that land. The Selectmen also requested that the camper be moved to allow setbacks to be met, and that whatever is stored there be kept neatly and orderly. The Selectmen asked that a plan be given to them by May 30, 2023 and thanked all those that came in to discuss this issue.

The meeting moved back into the Selectmen's Office.

The Selectmen briefly discussed correspondence received from residents on Canaan Road. With the increase of traffic and the speed of which those are driving, it was requested that the Town consider this a "No Thru Traffic" zone. This would need to go through the Zoning Board of Strafford and Barrington and then be voted on at their Town Meetings. The Police Department will be contacted on possible extra patrols.

The Town Hall sadly accepted Jacob Marsh's resignation. Jacob has been so faithful in keeping the Town Hall clean and sanitized. We congratulate him on his graduation from Coe Brown. Jacob has a wonderful future ahead of him! Thank you, Jacob, for all you have done for us at the Town Hall! We will miss you.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.