

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting July 11, 2023

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

In Attendance: Dennis Lauze; Attorney Kirsten Allen; David Barry; Chris Barry

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen approved payroll and the payment of bills, considered and approved the minutes from the June 28th Selectmen's Meeting. A notice of pay rate was read and approved. The Board assessed several line items of the Town's budget. Miscellaneous correspondence was also discussed.

The advertisement for the position of Deputy Tax Collector was read and approved. This will be posted on the Town website and Facebook, as well as the lobby of the Town Hall and the Post Office.

At this time, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to recess the meeting to hold the Public Hearing. At 6:00PM, the meeting was recessed.

The Public Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider amendments to Strafford Town Ordinance 87R.2. STOP SIGNS. By adding the following locations:

1. 87R.2 t-Stop sign on Sunny Oaks Terrace at the northwesterly intersection with Whig Hill Road
2. 87R.2 u-Stop sign on Ledgewood Drive at intersection with Whig Hill Road

Dennis Lauze, 215 Whig Hill Road, was in attendance to thank the Board for considering this addition as it is becoming a safety concern. He also would like to add a "Slow-Children at Play" sign as well. The Board will discuss this at their meeting once reconvened.

A letter from Regina Flynn, 42 Beaver Brook Drive, in support of the added stop signs was read.

At this time, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to reconvene the Selectmen's Meeting. The meeting reconvened at 6:10PM.

At this time, Brian Monahan made a motion to consider the adoption of amendments to 87R.2-STOP SIGNS by adding locations 87R.2 t and 87R.2 u to the designated locations. Chris Garcia seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

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

The amendment was approved to add the stop signs at the designated locations. The Selectmen agreed to add a "Children at Play" sign. Matt Messenger will be contacted to order and install the signs.

The Selectmen revisited some concerns at the Recycling Center. The brackets that were discussed at a previous Selectmen's Meeting will be fabricated and installed by the end of August. Because Waste Management continues to have a shortage of dependable drivers causing the containers to not be picked up, extra containers were delivered at the Town's request, however this adds to the already plagued traffic flow.

The Board will start to explore different options for waste disposal for the Town.

The bridge project for Barn Door Gap has stalled because of heavy water flow.

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 (c). Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 6:13PM.

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, Brian Monahan – Aye, Chris Garcia - Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:14PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were 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, Chris Garcia - Aye

The Town Administrator relayed a message to the Board from a concerned resident about an infected ash tree that is in need to being removed. After a brief discussion noting that the tree is on a State maintained road, the Board will refer the resident to contact the State.

The Selectmen met with David Barry, Chris Barry and their Attorney, Kirsten Allen, for consideration of a Class VI Road release, in order to allow for a driveway. Prior conditional approval by the Planning Board had been given for a subdivision, pending the receipt of a release from the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen were presented with the required completed forms. The attendees also included the Town Road Agent's requirements. After the Selectmen reviewed the provided documents, the Class VI Road release was approved and subsequently the Selectmen signed the required waiver for recording purposes. A copy of the Road Agent's requirements will be attached as an addendum to the driveway permit.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.