

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting August 8, 2023

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Brian Monahan

In Attendance: State Representative Mike Harrington, State Representative Heath Howard

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen approved payroll and the payment of the bills. The minutes from the Selectmen's meeting on July 25th were considered and approved. Notices of pay rate were signed; a current use tax lien was signed. Miscellaneous correspondence was read and discussed.

State Representatives Mike Harrington and Heath Howard were in attendance to update the Board on their efforts in the State Legislature. Several items were highlighted including internet providers, options that were recently presented for voting machines, workforce housing issue, and utility/energy issues. Both representatives stated that if the Selectmen have legislation that needs to be proposed, they would be glad to sponsor it. The Selectmen also questioned abolishing the timber tax in NH as NH is one of only 5 states that still enforce it and the burden of this tax is on the land owner. Mr. Harrington said that he would be willing to look into this. The Board thanked Mr. Harrington and Mr. Heath for their undertakings on behalf of the Town of Strafford.

The Selectmen read and discussed a written complaint that was received on a property in Town. Although the Selectmen agree this property is an eye sore, unfortunately, there is not a whole lot the Town can do. However, the owner will be contacted requesting removal of items.

Ted White reported that 43 kids had taken part in swim lessons this year. The Selectmen expressed their gratitude to Mr. White and were impressed he was able to fit the lessons in considering all the rain we've had this summer.

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to cancel the September 5th meeting. Selectmen will come in at their convenience on Wednesday the 6th to sign payroll and the payment of bills.

A request to use the facilities at the School for voting in January and November of 2024 was sent to the School Board. The Town awaits their decision.

The Chairmen of the Planning Board, Zoning Board, and Selectmen's Board met earlier today with Strafford Regional Planning Commission. The Selectmen's Chairman gave an update as to the several items that were discussed.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.