

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting April 30, 2024

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman; Chris Garcia, and Brian Monahan
In Attendance: Claire Murdough

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen approved the payment of bills and payroll as well as the minutes from their last meeting held on April 16, 2024. An Intent to Cut and a land use change tax warrant were approved and signed. A notice of pay rate was also approved and signed. The Selectmen read and signed the Memorial Day Parade permit.

At 5:48, a motion was made and seconded to recess the meeting for a public hearing. A vote was taken. The meeting recessed at 5:48PM.

At 5:49PM, the public hearing was called to order.

The notice of the hearing was posted at the Post Office, Town Office, on the Town website, and in Foster's Daily Democrat on April 16, 2024.

The purpose of the hearing was to consider an amendment to Strafford Town Ordinance **87R2**. **STOP SIGNS**, by adding the following location:

87R2. **Stop Signs**: v. Stop Sign on Canaan Road at the intersection with Route 202A
(Drakes Hill Road)

This came as a recommendation from the Police Department.

No questions were made and no comments heard.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brain Monahan to close the public hearing.

The Selectmen's Meeting reconvened at 5:50PM. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amendment to **87R2**. **STOP SIGNS** by adding "v. Stop Sign on Canaan Road at intersection with Route 202A (Drakes Hill Road)" effective April 30, 2024.

A vote was taken as follows:

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

The amendment passed.

Claire Murdough, Chair of the Master Plan subcommittee for community center/recreational facilities, met with the Selectmen for advisement in submitting possible warrant article for next year's Town Meeting. Ms. Murdough expressed the need for facilities and fields to use for the recreation department to carry on their programs. The Selectmen understand the need for facility availability and all were in agreement that the land in Town is not ideal for athletic fields. Capitol Reserve Funds were briefly mentioned. The Selectmen suggested that she come back in October with ideas for them to consider for the 2025 budget. The Board thanked Ms. Murdough for her coming in and speaking with them.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed correspondence to a resident with concerns on his property.

Ted White will once again be teaching swim lessons at the beach. The lessons will be July 9th through the 19th and are at no cost.

The Selectmen discussed the need for beach clean-up before Memorial Day.

Operations at the Recycling Center were discussed. The manager has spoken with Waste Management and is looking into the possibility of an automatic scheduled pick up rather than an "on call" pick up. The Board agreed this would relieve some stress with Waste Management's availability. With summer approaching and summer residents returning, traffic flow and safety continue to be a concern at the facility. Selectmen discussed patrons need to remember we're a small facility, we're all neighbors, and to be patient.

The Town's Attorney has advised the Board that they would be acting appropriately by not calling a special town meeting to rehash Article 33. A motion was made by Brian Monahan and seconded by Chris Garcia as to not agree to a special meeting requested by the Article 33 petitioners.

A vote was taken as follows:

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

There have been many questions from residents regarding road paving. The Selectmen will look into the possibility of printing and delivery of flyers for residents on roads that are being paved.

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 (a). Roll call was taken as follows:

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

The Board entered non-public session at 6:53PM.

A motion was made by Chris Garcia 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 7:00PM.

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 Selectmen reviewed tax lien information from the Tax Collector.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.