

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting July 9, 2024

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; Chris Garcia; Brian Monahan

In Attendance: Police Chief Randy Young; Deputy Fire Chief Steve Johnson; Sam Whitehouse

The July 9, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

At 5:30PM, a motion was made and seconded to recess the meeting for a public hearing. A vote was taken. The meeting recessed at 5:30PM.

At 5:31PM, 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 July 1, 2024.

The purpose of the hearing was to present the following ordinance as proposed by the Police Chief and the Board of Selectmen.

TOWN OF STRAFFORD ORDINANCE

To regulate Vendors, Hawkers, Peddlers, Solicitors, and other Itinerant Vendors, Door-to-Door and Canvassing.

A. No person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, whether maintaining permanent location in the Town of Strafford or not, may sell, barter, purchase, or otherwise carry on commerce in goods or services within the Town of Strafford, or attempt to do so, through door-to-door solicitations, or on the streets, sidewalks, or other property of the Town without first applying for and receiving a permit to do so from the Town of Strafford.

B. All permits for solicitation/peddling/vending as listed above shall be obtained only through the Strafford Police Department. Permits may be obtained by reporting in person to the Police Department located at 34 Roller Coaster Road in Strafford, NH.

C. All vendors/solicitors shall have a valid permit to do so issued by the Strafford Police Department as outlined above. **Hours of operation allowed 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, NO SUNDAYS.** Failure to obtain a permit prior to actively soliciting/peddling/vending will result in a \$50.00 (fifty dollar) fine for the first offense and \$100.00 (one hundred dollar) fine for the second offense.

With no questions being asked, a motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing. A vote was taken. The public hearing to regulate vendors, hawkers, peddlers, solicitors, and itinerant vendors, door-to-door and canvassing closed at 5:33PM.

At 5:35PM, the next 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 July 1, 2024.

The purpose of this hearing was to present the following amendments to the Town of Strafford Solid Waste Management Ordinance as proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STRAFFORD SOLID WASTE MANGEMENT ORDINANCE

To amend Section 90 III HOURS AND ADMISSION to read “The Transfer Station/Recycling Center will be open for use by (a) Strafford residents, (b) Strafford renters, and (c) non-resident property owners of Strafford; during the following periods and under the conditions stated below:”

To amend Section 90 III HOURS AND ADMISSION, B. to read “Admission to the area will be by special permit. This permit is in the form of a sticker which will be affixed to the lower left corner of the windshield of the permit holder’s vehicle. Stickers are available to qualified users from Transfer Station/Recycling Center personnel. Non-compliance with regulations may result in revocation of permission to use the facility.”

With no questions being asked, a motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing. A unanimous vote ensued. The public hearing closed at 5:36PM.

The Selectmen’s Meeting reconvened at 5:36PM.

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 5:46PM.

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 6:18PM.

No 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

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the ordinance of regulating Vendors, Hawkers, Peddlers, Solicitors, and other Itinerant Vendors, Door-to-Door and Canvassing.

A vote was taken as follows:

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

The ordinance passed.

A second motion was made and seconded to amend the ordinance of the Strafford Solid Waste Management.

A vote was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye

Chris Garcia – Aye

Brian Monahan – Aye

The amendment passed.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and the payment of bills. The minutes of the June 25, 2024 were read and approved. The Selectmen approved a pay rate. Miscellaneous correspondence was read and discussed.

Correspondence from the Town's Attorney was read and discussed.

Boston Post Cane presentation will take place in July with a specific date to be confirmed later this week.

The backhoe at the Recycling Center had a weak hose replaced and was able to be repaired before the weekend. The Board continued to discuss the operations at the Recycling Center with possible changes to the traffic flow to be considered once research is completed.

The July 3rd festivities were discussed.

The Board reviewed the tax liens from the Tax Collector.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken. The meeting adjourned at 6:48PM.