

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 13, 2025

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; Steve Leighton; Brian Monahan
In Attendance: Police Chief Randy Young

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Members of the Board reviewed and approved payroll and the payment of bills. The meeting minutes from the April 15th meeting were read and approved. Timber tax warrants were signed, the audited financial report was reviewed and signed for the State. Miscellaneous correspondence was read and reviewed.

Police Chief Young updated the Board on several matters. After consultation with the Road Agent, advisement was given to Chief Young to repave the parking lot at the Police Department. Having received several estimates, Chief Young opted to proceed with the same company that will be repaving the School's parking lot; paving would be at the same time as the School. Chief Young confirmed this would be within his budget.

The body cameras for the officers have been delivered. Chief Young is in the process of coordinating a time for the Department to be instructed on the operation and downloading of captured footage.

There have been several instances of the generator at the Town Hall not "kicking on" during a power outage; several visits and repairs have been made in the past year; several items need to be replaced. After reviewing the repair estimates to the replacement estimates, a motion was made, seconded and voted on to replace the generator at the Town Hall. The capital reserve fund titled "Town Hall Building, Maintenance, Improvement, or Expansion Fund" will be used to absorb the expenditure as the Selectmen are deemed Agents to Expend.

The Board read a letter of explanation from Fire Chief Johnson concerning the insurance claim for a fire engine/tanker.

The Older Adult Volunteer Award from the New Hampshire State Commission on Aging has been awarded to Charlie Burnham. Charlie has volunteered numerous hours to Strafford and has served on several boards and committees. At the age of 91, he is still involved in various areas of Strafford, including the Hill Library's land search. Charlie will be presented the award at the Town Hall on June 18, 2025 at 4PM. All are welcome to attend.

The Board reviewed correspondence on the possible sale of 3 lots, and associated correspondence from the Town's Attorney. The Board requested more information and advisement from counsel on the options the Town may consider.

Chair Sweet will be contacting Jen Czysz, the Executive Director at Strafford Regional Planning Commission, or SRPC to discuss recent matters.

The Board briefly discussed the PREPA grant that was approved for the Bow Lake Research program. It was noted that any expenditures for this will be paid by the money allotted at Town Meeting (Article 23) and is not to come out of any other department's budget.

The appraisal for a piece of land the Library is considering will be in at the end May.

The Board re-hired a former employee for the Transfer Station/Recycling Center. With summer quickly approaching, having another qualified person there will be a welcome addition.

The Selectmen will not be meeting May 27, 2025; the next meeting will be June 10, 2025.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.