

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting June 10, 2025

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chair; Stephen Leighton; Brian Monahan

In Attendance: Phil Auger, Claire Murdaugh, Larisa Molloy, Betsy Cozine, Sharon Omand

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM. The Selectmen approved payroll and payments of bills. A current use tax warrant was reviewed and signed. The minutes from the May 13, 2025 Selectmen's meeting were read and approved. Two rates of pay were reviewed and approved. Miscellaneous correspondence was read.

The Board reviewed information that was conveyed to the Town by the NH DRA concerning timber tax billing.

The resolution to adopt the 2025 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Strafford was read. A motion was made by Steve Leighton to adopt the plan. Brian Monahan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; signature and seal were affixed to the certification of adoption and was notarized.

Phil Auger, Claire Murdaugh, Larisa Molloy, Betsy Cozine, and Sharon Omand met to discuss the appraisal report on a parcel of land. Charlie Burnham had been speaking with the owners for several months on subdividing a small 3-acre lot from the large lot, negotiating on the Library's behalf. Betsy Cozine questioned the configuration and location of the proposed Library lot. During the lengthy discussion, concern was also raised on the acreage of wetlands and ledge that may be a factor. RSA 41:14-a, passed at the 2004 Town Meeting, was briefly discussed. The Board was in agreement to wait for word from the Library, giving the Trustees time to discuss the appraisal at their meeting at the end of the month. The Selectmen are to meet with the Library Trustees on July 8th.

An update was given on State changes and a possible article needing to be added on the warrant for 2026.

The Selectmen were briefed on legal counsel obtained from the Town Attorney concerning 3 parcels of land.

A possible zoning infraction was brought to the Selectmen's attention. After discussion, the Board was in agreement further investigation is needed.

The Attorney General's office contacted the Town concerning the sale of raffle tickets. Because Strafford has no regulations or policies in place, the Board has no problem with raffle tickets being sold as a fundraiser.

A member of the Green Committee inquired as to whether the Board had considered installing an EV charging station at the Town Hall. The Board concurred that mainly those coming to the Town

Hall are local residents that have charging stations at their homes and the cost to maintain, a charging station at the Town Hall would be futile.

The Board determined each Department keep files and records for all repairs and maintenance performed on each piece of equipment and vehicle.

The edited Class VI Road Policy has not yet been passed from the Planning Board to the Selectmen. Possible procedural changes were touched on concerning Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment, bringing both the Boards together to make decisions as allowed by law, saving time for applicants. Future decisions will need to be made concerning creating a possible in-house position.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.