

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting September 16, 2025

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

In Attendance: Police Chief, Randy Young; Tyler and Sara Courtney

Others Present: Ellen White, Town Administrator; Sonja Smith, Minutes Keeper

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 5:20PM. The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and the payment of bills. The minutes of the September 2, 2025 were read and approved. Notices of pay rates were discussed and approved. Land use change tax warrants were approved. The Summary of Inventory for the State was reviewed and signed. Miscellaneous correspondence was read.

At this time a motion was made by Steve Leighton and seconded by Brian Monahan to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Steve Leighton - Aye, Brian Monahan - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 5:32PM.

A motion was made by Brian Monahan to leave non-public session and seconded by Steve Leighton to return to public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Steve Leighton - Aye, Brian Monahan - Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:17PM.

No votes were taken or decisions were made during the non-public session.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Brian Monahan to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet - Aye, Steve Leighton - Aye, Brian Monahan - Aye

Tyler and Sara Courtney (The Jefferson) met with the Board to introduce themselves and to discuss their future goals to revitalize the property. The couple wants to make The Jefferson a permanent establishment and to be a part of Strafford's fine community. They plan to be open year round with possibly more hours being added to the current ones. The Selectmen have heard wonderful things of their hospitality. The Board was receptive of their ideas, hopeful of their continued success and suggested they meet with the Planning Board. The Board thanked the Courtneys for coming in and welcomed them to attend future meetings.

Operational procedures at the Recycling Center were briefly discussed.

A concern over a sign was brought to the attention to the Board. Because it is not advertising a product or a service, the consensus of the Board that this is not a sign.

The proposal for the 2026 Revaluation from KRT Appraising was reviewed. The cost of recent revaluation from several other towns were reviewed. After a brief conversation, the Board was in agreement to move forward with KRT's proposal.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded, and voted on to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:04PM.