

## Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard

March 23, 2016

Members of the public body present: Brent Cadwell, Toni Pippy, Stephen Marx, John Freitag.

Absent: Brian Johnson

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Jon MacKinnon, Jennifer Brown, Bill Burden

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Citizens concerns- Bill Burden wanted to thank Jon MacKinnon and the rest of the road crew for all of their work keeping the roads open and passable during mud season.

Correspondence- the board reviewed Paul Gillies letter in regards to the upcoming E.P.A. & E.M.S. 1 project.

Approve minutes of March 9, 2016- Toni moved, Steve seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor

Town Highways- Jon reported that all equipment is good and the roads seem to be holding up. Jon and Lisa presented the board with several grants they have applied for. A better roads grant for \$5000 with 20% town match to assist in an erosion control and assessment inventory which will soon be mandatory to receive other grants. Another better roads grant for \$11,490 with 20% town match for slope stabilization on the bridge by Old City Falls access. A Vermont Agency of Transportation(A.O.T.)grant for \$175,000 with 20% town match to pave Justin Morrill Highway from the fire station for a distance of 5650 feet. Another A.O.T grant for \$175,000 with 10% town match for structures for bridge #24 on Justin Morrill Highway. Lisa presented the board our annual financial plan that has to be sent to the A.O.T. in order to be eligible for grants. The board reviewed and signed the plan along with the Town and Bridge Standards. The board discussed a request to use the town garage break room for a public meeting. Toni moved and Steve seconded that the town garage be used strictly for municipal purposes. All in favor.

General- John presented the board with draft painting specs for the town office. John will work with Lisa to get the painting put out to bid with a return date of April 13th. Toni reported on the Selectboard Institute that she attended. She said they discussed the clean water act regarding runoff from town roads going into waterways. Jon MacKinnon stated that is what the Better Roads grant for erosion is for. Toni also said they reviewed risk management and thinks that it will be a good resource when reviewing the town benefits. The board made several appointments. Planning commission 1 year- Brent moved Steve seconded to appoint Sarah Root all in favor. Planning commission 4 years- Toni moved Steve seconded to appoint Chrissy Jamieson all in favor. Steve moved and Toni seconded to appoint Steve Wetmore as fence viewer all in favor. Toni moved and

Steve seconded to appoint Bob Wilson as the surveyor of wood and lumber all in favor. The board reviewed the loan options for purchasing the recycling bins presented by Lisa. A 2 year loan at 2.1% would be an annual cost of \$5686. A 3 year loan at 2.2% would be an annual cost of \$3837. Toni moved and Brent seconded to borrow the \$10,011 for 3 years at 2.2%. Brent, Toni, John in favor. Steve was against stating he would prefer the 2 year option. The trustees of public funds is contributing \$1500 towards this purchase. The board reviewed the budget with Lisa. Lisa said everything looks good. She explained that with the new budget format she has moved certain items to the appropriate places and asked the board to review to see if there are other items that should be relocated. John reported that David and Nancy Grant will be able to attend the April 27th meeting to discuss setting up the governance study. Toni said she would take the lead on the insurance and finance study.

Toni moved and Brent seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell