

Strafford Selectboard Meeting Agenda  
January 22, 2020, 6pm at Town Office

Members present: Brian Johnson, Kate Siepmann, Toni Pippy, Pat Kelly, Lauri Berkenkamp  
Others present: Jon MacKinnon, Lisa Bragg, Steve Marx; Gil Robertson; Nellie Pennington

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Citizen Concerns: Steve Marx came to discuss the clean up on the Coburn property and his concerns about leaving toxic waste on it. The board discussed it and thanked Steve for his continued concern but reiterated that it can't use taxpayer dollars for cleaning up private property. Steve asked the board to relate to citizens that they can donate to the cost of removing the barrels.
2. Town Highways and Equipment Update, Budget Review, New Equipment for 2020: Toni met with Lisa and Jon regarding the highway budget and the board discussed the highway department's budget estimates and recommendations.
3. Correspondence
  - a) Michael Sacca RE: Ashley Community Forest Meeting request from Bob Linck. Board acknowledged receipt of email. Please see notes below.
  - b) Joe Damiata Director, Risk Management Services, VLCT. Board acknowledged receipt of email.
  - c) John Echeverria email re: comments regarding Ashley Forest contract regarding relative costs and benefits. Board acknowledged receipt of email. Please see notes below.
  - d) Email from Mike Hebb re: thanking board and Janet Hardy. Board acknowledged receipt of email.
  - e) Email from Pam Fecteau re: property valuations of Town House and town garage. Board acknowledged receipt of email and has reached out to THAG for their feedback on the Town House. Board will discuss this further.
  - f) Email from Erik Reimanis re: request about scale model of solar system. Board acknowledged receipt of email. Lisa will follow up to request more details and the board will discuss at its February 12 meeting.
4. Approve Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> meetings. Board voted to approve the minutes of January 8 and 15.
5. Ashley Community Forest Project. Board discussed the project. Toni reported that the Sharon selectboard agreed for their board chair to work with the chair of the Strafford selectboard and an attorney to review the agreement. This board agreed to do the same: Toni will arrange a meeting with the Sharon board chair and the town attorney to discuss the agreement do the same. John Echeverria provided comments on the proposed interlocal agreement. Board members will review all documents and come to the next meeting with comments.
6. Dog Ordinance Changes. The board began the process of amending the town dog ordinance to increase fines for violations. The board will remove the \$10 waiver penalty and will increase the penalty for first offenses to \$30.00. The second offense will be raised to a \$50 penalty; the third offense will have an increased fine of \$100 but will not result in impoundment. Further offenses will result in impoundment, impoundment costs, and a \$200 fine. Lisa will contact the Orange County Sheriff's office to ask about having sheriff's department help in impounding dogs, if necessary. The board will continue this discussion on its February 12 meeting.

7. Draft selectboard report for Town Report. Toni will provide the town's budget before the deadline
8. 2019 Budget to Actual. Board is reviewing 2019; budget appears to be in good shape.
9. 2020 Budget. Board reviewed the town budget and will make final decisions at a special budget meeting on Wednesday, January 29 at 6 p.m.
10. Other:  
The board moved, seconded, and approved the contract with Irving Energy for propane for 2020 at \$1.456 per gallon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Berkenkamp  
Recording Clerk