

Strafford Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 6pm at Town Office
227 Justin Morrill Hwy, Strafford, 05072

Members present: Toni Pippy, David Paganelli, Brian Johnson, Jeff Solsaa, (on zoom), Mary Linehan
absent

Attendees: Lisa Bragg, P.D. Hardy, Curt Albee, Rocky Fuller, and Shelby Coburn.

Attending on zoom: Gretchen Graner, John Freitag, Cindy & Jon Stableford, Marty Frank,
Rebecca Seidel, Sherry & Peter Duveneck, Trey & Olivia Piepmeier, and last but not least Anni Praetorius.

Meeting called to order at 6:00

#1 Public concerns: Curt Albee is concerned about trees that fell across the river behind Coburn's Store further falling and blocking the river. Select board will look into tree removal.

#2 Highway: PD reported that roads and equipment are in good shape. Ryan's truck had some warranty work the backhoe needed a new tire, and Dans truck will need hydraulic work in the future. Jeff reported his working with Chris Bump from district 4 for a grant for TEMPORARY Jersey Barriers for Bridge #30. The town will own the Jersey barriers. Toni moved to accept the Bergeron highway access, Brian 2nd, all approved. Access permit granted. Lisa will post highway crew vacancy on the town list and other spots around the area. Brian moved to accept the bid of \$194,189,00 for a 2024 Freightliner 114SD Jeff 2nd, all approved.

#3 minutes of 10/12/22 Toni moved, David 2nd to approve the minutes of the 12th. The minutes were approved by all after some corrections were made. Lisa will post minutes as usual.

#4 ARPA funds are not ready to be allocated. ARPA funds will be used to cover overages of the 2022 budget, and much needed general fund items. The board will notify the town when it is ready to accept applications for the remaining funds. ARPA is an acronym for American Rescue Plan Act.

#5 The town office committee reported that they had looked at Ian Thompson's house in the lower village. The Selectboard decided the scope of architect Tom Bachman report should be the existing building. Curt reported that the septic system was sufficient for the number of full-time employees. The number of folks using the building will need to be kept track of, including meetings. In person not on zoom. The minutes of all meetings will need to note the number of people present, separate from zoom. Morgan Smith is willing to sell the town a piece of land, (with some minor restrictions), so that an addition could be built on the south side of the building.

#6 correspondences were acknowledged,

#7 liaison updates, a- The board approved the letter written by the Conservation committee to be sent to land abutters of the town owned Whitcomb Hill property. b- draft zoning maps were looked at by the board.

#8 the board acknowledged that Gov. Scott signed a State of Vermont proclamation for a first responder Appreciation Day.

David moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 Toni 2nd, all approve, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Johnson, Acting Clerk