

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard meeting
February 10, 2016

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

Absent: Brian Johnson

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Jennifer Brown, Jeff Solsaa

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

Citizens concerns: none

Correspondence: the board reviewed an email received from James Garnett about EMS1.

Approve minutes for January 27, 2016. Steve moved, Toni seconded to approve the minutes. Brent wanted to make a change in regards to raising the permit fees. It should say that Steve suggested doubling all zoning and sub division fees. All agreed, minutes were approved with changes.

Town Highway: Brent reported no issues with the equipment. Jon MacKinnon and Brent both have contacted Fugro Roadware, a company that the State of Vermont contracts with to survey roads, to see what the cost would be to have Mine Road and Tyson Road surveyed before the EPA and EMS1 projects get started. It will cost approximately \$3000 to survey before and after and \$2000 to set up the programming to analyze the data. The total cost potential is \$8000.

John Freitag is going to write a letter for the board to review at our next meeting, requesting that they help pave the Mine Road.

General: Lisa presented the board a Tax Anticipation Note to sign. The note is good for \$800,000 @ 2.05%. The town only pays interest on money used. Toni moved Steve seconded. All approved. Jon MacKinnon reviewed the pole relocation survey from GMP and said it all looked ok to him. Toni moved and Brent seconded to sign off on the relocation. All approved.

Coburn's Store wanted to renew their liquor license. Brent moved and Toni seconded to renew the license. All approved.

The personnel policy was updated. Toni moved Steve seconded to change the town contribution for health insurance to 85.4% to reflect the decision to level fund the town portion of health benefits. All approved.

Lisa suggested part time employees receive no benefits. Brent moved and Steve seconded to remove all language from the personnel policy that gives part time employees benefits. All approved.

Toni stated that instead of an insert in the town report, she will prepare a handout for town meeting that will help explain the changes made this year.

The board discussed pre-town meeting and settled on February 26 at 6:00pm at Barrett Hall.

The Rec.Dept. received a \$10,000 grant to help with the tennis court reconstruction project. They currently have approximately \$75,000 including the grant. They hope to collect more through fundraising to complete the project.

Other: Jeff Solsaa came to discuss solid waste options for the school and the town. Jeff presented the cost savings if we combined services. Currently the school averages \$333/month and the town \$100/month. The current annual cost is \$5201. Jeff received a quote from Cassella that provided an 8 yard dumpster emptied twice per month for \$265/month and a 6 yard dumpster for recycle emptied once per month for \$60/month. Combined total of \$325/ month. Jeff presented a second option that provided two, 6 yard dumpsters for \$300/month emptied at the same rate. It is uncertain if the 6 yard dumpster would be large enough. Option one has an annual cost of \$3900 while option two is \$3600. Jeff stated that both options would be a savings. The board all agreed that Durkee Rubbish should have an opportunity to match this quote. Jeff stated that he has already talked to Debbie and she and Doug are going to put together a quote as well. No decision will be made until then.

Michael Caduto applied for an audio/visual grant for the town house.

The town received a notice of violation regarding the reporting requirements at our recycle facility. Steve will contact Mike Scanlan about the report.

Brent moved Steve seconded to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. All approved. Moved into executive session at 8:21pm. Toni moved and Steve seconded to come out of executive session. All approved. Came out of executive session at 8:39pm. No action taken.

Toni moved Steve seconded to adjourn. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent Cadwell