

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE STRAFFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 22, 2014

Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 312 (b)(1) Selectboard meeting minutes include

- (A) All members of the public body present;
- (B) All other active participants in the meeting;
- (C) All motions, proposals and resolutions made, offered and considered, and what disposition is made of same; and
- (D) The results of any votes, with a record of the individual vote of each member if a roll call is taken.

Although meeting minutes have complied with 1 V.S.A. § 312 (b)(1), additional information is included as a courtesy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public body present:

Rod Maclay, Chair, Sally Hull and Victoria Lloyd, Members

Other active participants:

Lisa Kendall, Town Clerk; Rocky Fuller, resident; Jim Kenyon, Reporter for the Valley News.

Motions, proposals and resolutions made, offered and considered, and disposition of same:

Citizen concerns – None.

THAG – Rocky reported that appeals letters for the Back House were sent out last week. Construction of the Back House is on hold for the remainder of winter, but preparation of lumber for doors and trim continues. Rocky presented amended procedures and rules for use of the Town House. Language has been changed in the document to provide a set of suggested donations for residents and non-residents. A motion was made to adopt the amended procedures and rules. (M/S, Tori/Sally. All in favor.) Rocky provided a resolution to form the THAG formally, including a roster of officers and terms. The Selectboard will take up this resolution at our next meeting. Rocky also provided a budget request for \$3,500 for burying additional electric cable between the Town House and Back House, and installing new circuits inside and outside the Town House, for use during Town Meeting.

Minutes – A motion was made to amend the 12/3/13 meeting minutes, adding the words “five year” to the recycling center certification. (M/S, Tori/Sally. All in favor.) A motion was made to approve the draft minutes for the meetings on 1/8, 1/13, 1/14, 1/15, and 1/17. (M/S, Tori/Sally. All in favor.)

Records Policy – Tori shared an example of a records request policy that she obtained from the Secretary of State’s office, with information on the procedure to be used for its adoption. Tori will draft a policy for Strafford, based on the example, and present it at the next Selectboard meeting 2/5/14.

Preschool Property – Tori shared language from Paul Gillies, attorney for the Town, about transferring ownership of the Preschool playground. Tori will take the draft survey map and proposed transfer language to the next School Board meeting and ask for their input on the process. She will update the Selectboard afterwards.

Elizabeth Mine Reuse – Sally reported she attended a monthly conference call with local volunteers, and state and EPA officials about priorities for reuse of the Elizabeth Mine. The main focus of the discussion was about signage for several areas near the mine, and ownership of several parcels.

Strafford Conservation Commission – Sally reported interest by two residents in joining the SCC to fill open seats. New appointments will be made to this and other town Boards and Committees after Town Meeting.

Dog fines – Sally will contact the Dog Officer and a town resident about unpaid fines.

2014 Budget – The Selectboard reviewed the town budget.

Delinquent Taxes – Jim Kenyon asked how the Selectboard will handle proposed changes to the town’s delinquent tax policy. The Selectboard indicated we will include an article on the Town Meeting warrant concerning collection of taxes, interest, penalties, and compensation of the delinquent tax collector.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m. (M/S, Tori/Sally. All in favor.)

Results of any votes (1 VSA Section 312(b)(1)(D)): No votes taken.

Next Scheduled Meetings: January 23, 2014, 7:00 p.m.; January 25, 2014, 1:00 p.m. ; February 5, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hull, Recording Secretary