

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard
October 26, 2016

Members of the public body present: Brent Cadwell, John Freitag, Steve Marx

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Rocky Fuller, Therese Linehan
Meeting called to order at 6pm

Citizens concerns: none

Correspondence: Tim Briglin wrote to the board regarding concerns that were brought up at the previous meeting about paperless Act 250 applications. He said that while the paperless option is preferred, the will still be the option to fill out a paper copy for those without internet services. Lianne Thomashow wrote the board, she is is concerned with the leaves from the town common blowing onto her property. Christa Wurm wrote the board regarding the streetlights in the lower village. She wondered if they could be off from 10pm-4am.

Approve the minutes of October 12, 2016: Steve moved, Brent seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor.

Town highways: Brent reported that the roads and equipment are in good shape. He also reported that trees along the side of Alger Brook Road will be getting cut down on Monday. The section between Cabri's and Hawkins' will be shut down from 8-2 unless it is finished sooner. The board reviewed the highway budget, everything looks good. The board reviewed draft bid proposals for the sidewalk plowing for 16/17 and the town mowing for 2017. Steve moved, Brent seconded to approve the proposals. All approved. The bids will be put in the Valley News next week, the sidewalk bid will be do on or before Wednesday, November 9 at 4pm. The mowing bid will be do on or before November 23 at 4pm with a pre-bid meeting on November 9 at 8am. Any questions can be sent to Brent Cadwell.

General: Rocky reported on the Town House Advisory Group. He reviewed the minutes of their last meeting. He brought to the Selectboard's attention some areas of the town house that need work. He said that the handicap access door needs to be repaired or replaced. There is also some trim that is rotten. Better lighting is also a concern in the town house. Lisa suggested applying for a HAVA grant, Rocky agreed that was a good idea. The piano needs to be removed from the town house. The spire needs a lot of attention as well. He asked if the board would allow the advisory group to pursue options of getting it repaired. Steve moved, Brent seconded to allow the advisory group to get estimates for the needed repairs. All in favor. The New Vista project was discussed. An article could be put on the warning for town meeting so voters could express their opinion on the project. The board reviewed the general budget and things look good. The recycling committee is looking for a new coordinator to take over for Dori. The board discussed what had been done so far with the tennis courts.

Other: Lisa reminded the board that Election Day is November 8, and that the members of the Board of Civil Authority will need to be at the town house throughout the day. Lisa has a timesheet for members to sign up. Brent updated the board about getting the burnt out streetlight repaired. He has contacted Tilden Electric to come with their bucket truck to change out the light. No date has been set yet. Steve discussed the energy portion of the town plan.

Brent moved, Steve seconded to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell