

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 STRAFFORD SELECTBOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

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

Absent: Toni Pippy, Brian Johnson

Other participants: Michael Scanlan and David Harris from the Recycling Committee, Bob Bushway

Meeting at the Municipal Building called to order 6 p.m.

1.) Michael Scanlan, Chair of the Recycling Committee, reviewed the problem of our provider of recycling bins no longer able to be able to service Strafford. Michael said things are very much in flux at this time due to a collapsing recycling market and a new law mandating more recycling. He said that at least for the short term Casella would be providing bins, but at a higher price than the previous contractor. He recommended that the Recycling Committee follow-up on the Lions Club offer to buy a bin for cardboard which still has some value as a recycled material. This would help save some of the expense of handling the materials. The cost of a bin is around \$4,000. He asked if the Town would be willing to purchase four sections of a hard plastic shell covering the bin. One of the other changes is that all recyclables will now need to be in a covered bin. The cost of the specialized covering is \$1,000.

Brent moved and Steve seconded to spend the money needed for a covering for the donated bin. All voted in favor.

Brent and David will continue research to make sure we are getting the best deal we can on a new bin. The Recycling Committee will continue to monitor changes and explore options on how to best handle recyclables. Bob Bushway expressed his views on the importance of the Recycling Center.

2.) In looking at town controlled trust funds that may help cover the costs, John while not finding any appropriate did come across two highway funds the Frank Brown Selected Highway Fund and the James Morrill Selected Highway Fund that have not had the interest from these funds used for years. There is a need, due to cutbacks for more gravel than money in the budget. John said he will check and make sure this is an appropriate use of these funds. Steve moved that if it was the case that these funds could be used, we appropriate \$1,500 from the Brown Fund and \$500 from the Morrill Fund for gravel. Brent seconded and all approved.

Brent moved to adjourn, Steve seconded and the all approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, John Freitag, Acting Recording Clerk