

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard
February 8, 2017

Members of the public body present: Toni Pippy, Stephen Marx, Brian Johnson, John Freitag.

Absent: Brent Cadwell

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Jennifer Brown

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Citizen Concerns: No citizen concerns

Correspondence: The Board received a letter from the Trustees of Public Funds regarding the "Community Building Fund" established with the bequest of Ned Coffin. Brian moved and Stephen seconded a motion to seek members of the public interested in serving on a committee to make annual awards from this fund. All in favor. The Board approved a request for a letter of support from the South Royalton Senior Center in their efforts to find grant funding to purchase a building in South Royalton.

The draft minutes of January 25 and January 31 were reviewed by the Board and approved with no changes or corrections

Town Highways: The Board received a report sent by Highway liaison Brent Cadwell which stated that equipment and personnel were all in good shape.

General: The Board approved and signed the Coburn Store liquor license. The Board reviewed a draft handout from Toni Pippy showing pie charts of Town expenditures and revenues. The Board discussed preparations for Pre-Town and Town Meeting and the need to make sure people who might be interested know what positions are open both in terms of election, and appointments to committees and commissions which happen at the Selectboard meeting following Town Meeting. Toni and Lisa will look at getting list of appointed positions and John will draft a post for the listserv that the Board will review at our Feb. 22 meeting. The Board discussed the Planning Commission's new Town Plan. Lisa will ask the Planning Commission Chair to see if the changes from the old Town Plan could be highlighted that will be posted on our website. A public hearing on the new Town Plan will be held by the Planning Commission on Feb. 16 at 7pm at Barrett Hall. The Governance Committee will be holding a meeting at Barrett Hall on Feb. 21 at 7pm. Pre-Town Meeting is usually held on the Friday before Town Meeting. This year that will be on March 3. Lisa will see if Barrett Hall is available and will coordinate with the School Board on this event and the timing.

Other: Scott Knoerlein, who has maintained the Town House clock for nearly two decades, recently mentioned that he would like to turn over these duties. John Echternach, a clock repair enthusiast, has offered his services. Toni moved and Brian seconded appointing John Echternach Town House timekeeper and sending Scott a letter expressing appreciation for his many years of service. All approved. Lisa notified the Board that she would be contacting Fothergill, Segale, and Valley CPAs, the outside auditing firm, regarding review of our 2016 finances.

Brian moved and Toni seconded to adjourn and the meeting was called to a close at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

John Freitag