

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard  
October 12, 2016

Members of the public body present: Brent Cadwell, Toni Pippy, Steve Marx, John Freitag, Brian Johnson

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Jon MacKinnon, Robin Jaccaci, Tom Skull, Beverley Bilsky, Tori Lloyd, Jennifer Brown, Tim Briglin, Jennifer and Derek Cypher, Greg Bagnato, Bill Burden, Mike Hebb

Meeting called to order at 6 pm

Citizens concerns: Robin wanted the town to be aware of her spring well next to Alger Brook Road. Beverley is concerned with the shoulder of Justin Morrill Highway being higher than what it used to be and with the highway access that leads to the barn. She is also concerned with the condition her property was left in after the Ward bridge project was completed. Tori is concerned with speeding on Mine Road. She is also concerned with the grading on Mine Road. She thinks the road is getting wider.

Correspondence: Mike Scanlan wrote regarding leaves and yard debris collection. He said that the town is not required to collect this at this time. Steve Campbell emailed some new ideas with the land use chapter of the town plan. David Grant reported that the first meeting of the governance committee went well. Steve moved, Brent seconded to approve the members of the committee. All in favor. The members are David Grant, John Hawkins, Russ Farley, Rob Finn, Arthur Hanchett, John Echeverria and Therese Linehan. The town received notice of designation of authority for paperless Act 250 notifications. Brent moved, Brian seconded to designate Lisa as the recipient of the notifications. John, Toni, Brent, Brian in favor. Steve against, stating it isn't fair for those who don't have access to the internet.

Approve the minutes of September 28, 2016: Steve moved, Brian seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor.

Town Highways: Jon reported that the roads and equipment are in good shape. Jenn and Derek Cypher requested that the temporary driveway access for drilling a new well become permanent. Brent recused himself from the decision as he is the contractor. Jon MacKinnon requested that the culvert be reset on the original driveway because it has lifted and no longer allows water to flow well. Brian moved, Toni seconded to approve the driveway. Brian, John, Toni, Steve approved. Since the paving project has been completed, the Selectboard requested more speed patrols. As a result, Orange County Sheriff has given out over 80 speeding tickets averaging 15mph over the speed limit. Toni felt there needed to be more signs indicating the speed limit. Jon said he would look at the sign survey to see what it says regarding where and how many signs there should be. Steve reported that there was a break in on his road. 911 addresses on Sawnee Bean Road were discussed with the emergency agencies that use them. Upper Valley Ambulance and Strafford Fire Dept. reported it not being a problem. Hanover dispatch and Thetford Fire Dept. reported that it can sometimes be an issue. Everyone agreed that proper signage is necessary and everyone should have their 911 numbers clearly visible at the road and on the house. If anyone would like more numbers they can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office while supplies last. After that they can be ordered through the office at \$5.00/number. The 911 addresses won't change at this time.

General: Tom Skull addressed the board employee insurance benefit changes to consider. A defined contribution plan allows the town to have a solid figure for budgeting purposes while allowing the employee to choose their own plan. Toni feels that if we choose this option there should be a meeting with each employee and an insurance rep, to go over the options for the employee. Tom said that is what would happen. Toni moved, Brian seconded to go to the defined contribution plan, with a 3% increase to the budget for benefits for FY '17. All in favor. Toni will coordinate meetings with the town employees. Bill Burden addressed the board regarding the emergency operating center. He said the three keys to running it are coordination, communication and cooperation. Mike Hebb gave the board a presentation on parcel mapping and how it could be added to the town website. This would allow people to view each parcel boundary on Google Earth. Toni moved, Brent seconded to put the parcel mapping on the website. Toni, Brent, Brian, John approved. Steve abstained.

Other: Brent moved, Toni seconded to approve an error and omission from the listers. All in favor. Greg Bagnato spoke to the board about the land behind the school belonging to the Coffins and the different ways the school uses this land. He also spoke about the lighting issues at the gym and his concern of people not stopping when children are in the cross walk. He is looking into a push button light system that would blink when someone is crossing the road. Brent discussed the mowing bids for next year and wanted to know if the school would like to put their mowing out for bid at the same time. Everyone agreed that it makes sense. Brent will discuss setting up the bid process with Erin Masteller. Lisa said she will be on vacation next week. The office will be open from 7:30-3:30 next week.

Toni moved, Brent seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell