

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRAFFORD SELECTBOARD

August 10, 2016

Members of the public body present: Stephen Marx, Toni Pippy, Brian Johnson, Brent Cadwell

Absent: John Freitag

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall Town Clerk and Treasurer, Jennifer Brown, Herald of Randolph Reporter, Dori Wolfe

Meeting called to order in the Town Office at 5:00 p.m.

1) **Citizen Concerns:** There were no citizen's concerns.

2) **Correspondence (copies of these documents are available at the Town Clerk's Office) –**

Letter from VTrans, RE: VTrans Transportation Alternative (TA) Grant Program.

An email to Town Clerk from Anne Peyton who is concerned about the loose strife and parsnip she has spotted on certain roadsides.

3.) **Minutes** – Brian made a motion and Steve seconded to approve the July 27th minutes. Toni requested Steve's name replace Lisa under the Dog Kennel and Dog License Update section. All were in favor of approving the minutes as revised.

4.) **Town Highways -**

Road and Equipment update – Equipment is in good shape.

Ward bridge update – The Ward bridge completion date has been moved up to the middle of September. Greg Bognato, Principal of the Newton Elementary School will be notified.

Replacement of bridge on VT132 -Kirstin Higgins, Senior Project Manager of the Vermont Agency of Transportation emailed the board requesting approval of 7/24/17 as a start date for the bridge replacement on VT 132. Steve made a motion and Brian seconded to approve 7/24/17 as the start date for the bridge replacement on VT 132. All approved.

Vermont Clean Water Fund – The board discussed Act 64, Vermont's Clean Water Act and Municipal Transportation and the Municipal Roads General Permit and Stormwater Management Planning process.

5.) **General**

Recycling Committee – Dori reported that the Recycling Committee have some ideas to save on the hauling expenses. The board is appreciative of the work that is being done and that we should, "stay the course".

Planning Commission Vacancy- The board received a letter from Sarah Root who is resigning from the Planning Commission. The board will work towards filling this vacancy as soon as possible.

Conservation Commission invasive project – Brian made a motion, Toni seconded for the board to sign the "Fish and Wildlife Notification of Grants - Out Award for the Taylor Valley Invasive Plant Control" grant. All approved.

Dog kennel and dog license update – Steve reported that there is one dog remaining without a license.

Illegal dumping– Steve reported there were several bags of garbage left at the turnaround on VT 132 between Thetford and Strafford.

Selectboard' s role in Town Plan – We are waiting for a response from VLCT with the specifics.

6.) Other –

Toni would like to thank Lisa for a terrific job with organizing and managing a successful State Primary Election. Thank you Regina, Jane and the many volunteers.

Toni made a motion to adjourn and Steve seconded. All approved and the meeting was adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: 8/24/16 Regular Board Meeting 6 p.m. at the Town Office

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni M. Pippy