

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard
December 28, 2016

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

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Jon MacKinnon, Steve Wetmore, Jennifer Brown, Glen Nemeroff, Therese Linehan

Citizens concerns: none

Correspondence: A request to use the Murray Field, in June, for a rehearsal of a play involving sheep and sheepdogs was received by the board. It was thought that the Varney Field would be better so not to disturb the One Planet summer program. John will follow up.

Minutes: Steve moved, Brian seconded to approve the minutes. All in favor. Minutes were approved with some spelling corrections.

Town highways: Jon said the equipment is in good order. The ton truck was tabled for the next meeting. There was some discussion about keeping the old ton truck as a backup as well as for hauling the chloride tank. No decision was made. Jon wanted people to know that during an ice event, it takes longer to get the roads passable. He also said that the rain has to stop before they can spread sand and salt so that it isn't wasted and asked that people be patient during these types of storms. Jon said that bridge and paving grants aren't due in until April.

General: Glen Nemeroff gave the board a presentation on the Cott system. This system would digitize the permanent record of Strafford and allow people to access them via the website. It would free up time in the office spent helping people look up records and allow Lisa not to have the second assistant. The system costs approximately \$5000 to set up and train Lisa and Regina. There would be a monthly fee thereafter between \$200-\$300. Brent moved and Toni seconded to have Glen come back for a site survey and give us a proposal. John, Brian, Brent, Toni- in favor Steve- against. The motion passed. Therese Linehan spoke about getting an article on the warning for town meeting. She said that she has already collected half of the signatures for the petition and wanted to make sure there were no objections from the board. There were no objections. Steve said the cell boosters provided by Coverage Co. have been turned on in town. All providers except AT&T will work. Those using AT&T are encouraged to call and request they link up to the boosters. The board discussed the 2017 budget. Several groups will be level funding, while we haven't heard back from some other groups. The listers requested an additional computer as well as upgrading the existing ones which would be an additional \$1000 for their budget. The board will meet on January 11, 18 and 25 with the 18th being budget only. Brent moved, Brian seconded to appoint Steve Marx as the new Health Officer. John, Brent, Toni, Brian- in favor. Steve- abstained. Motion passed. Brent moved and Brian seconded to appoint Bonnie Bergeron to fill the DRB clerk position to finish out Liz Clark's term. All in favor. Brian moved and Brent seconded to take no action on changing the parcel annexation from the zoning officer to the DRB. Brian, Brent, Toni, Steve-in favor. John- against. The motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell