

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard
February 24, 2016

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

Absent: Brian Johnson

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Jon MacKinnon, Jenniffer Brown, Rocky Fuller, Cabot Teachout

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Citizens concerns: none

Approve minutes of 1-25-16, Toni moved, John seconded- all in favor

Approve minutes of 2-10-16, Steve moved, Toni seconded- all in favor

Correspondence: The board reviewed a letter from Bob Murray regarding solid waste.

The board reviewed a letter from Cabot Teachout regarding the condition of Carpenter Hill Road at the end near Clover Hill. He is looking to purchase land and wanted to be sure that the road would be maintained all year at least to the Clover Hill turnaround. The board assured him it would be taken care of and Jon MacKinnon said that he would put a few loads of gravel up the hill to improve the condition of the road.

Highway: Jon reported that Dan's truck had to go to the shop. It is all fixed and ready to be picked up. The board discussed hiring a temporary employee while John Thorp is out. Shawn Ward has said that he would be willing to fill in on an as needed basis. Toni moved, Brent seconded to hire Shawn Ward as a temporary employee at John's rate of pay while John is out. All in favor. Jon MacKinnon has taken pictures to send with other documents, documenting the condition of the roads and the Tyson bridge before the second phase of the EPA project as well as the solar project begin. John Freitag will select the picture to use. Brent moved, Toni seconded to ask the EPA and the solar project to split the cost of the baseline analysis of the roads. All in favor. Jon MacKinnon said that he is applying for several Better Roads grants for road projects and equipment. Brent showed the board a list that totals \$4.9 million dollars in grant money that Jon and Lisa had acquired for the town for various projects since 2000. John Freitag's letter to the EPA was reviewed, suggestions were made and he will rewrite the letter and bring it to the next meeting. Toni moved and Steve seconded to allow Jon MacKinnon to post the roads from March 1st to May 15th. All in favor.

General: The board reviewed Toni's town meeting handout. Everyone thought it looked great. Rocky reported on the town house. They plan on applying for a historic preservation grant to help with the cost of the repairs and the painting. The back house is all set and will be ready for town meeting. The board is going to look into financing options to purchase two new recycle bins and lids for each. It was discussed that people need to be sure to compact the plastic jugs and bottles as much as possible so that the town doesn't pay to haul mostly air.

Other: GMP said that they will no longer transfer solar credits being earned at the community solar site,(Maclay property), towards the town's electric bill. The board is going to look into what our options are regarding these credits and the contract we signed.

Brent moved and Toni seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell