

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard April 27, 2016

Members of the public body present- Brent Cadwell, Toni Pippy, Stephen Marx, John Freitag, Brian Johnson
Other active participants- Rozz Finn, Lee Vormelker, Marie Ricketts, Phyll Harmon, Bill Burden, Ellen Bagnato, John Echeverria, David Taplin, Scott Moore, Nancy and David Grant, Jennifer Brown

Meeting called to order at 6 pm.

Citizens concerns- Roz is concerned for children and other pedestrians walking around the corner at Coburn's store. She is concerned with the speed of traffic especially with next year's construction projects.

Town governance committee- David Grant stated that the setting up of the committee is key. He said to answer these questions. What do you want to get out of it? Why are you forming the committee? John said that not increasing the budget is crucial. Toni stated that efficiency, cost effectiveness and productivity is key. David said that effectiveness is more important the efficiency. Brent stated that is important to remember that the board didn't propose this it was on the warning by petition. He also said that the petition barely got enough signatures to make the warning so it has the support of just over 5% of the voters and that it seemed there were personal motives as well. John Echeverria said that VLCT has experts that could provide information on all of the options of governance available to our town.

Correspondence- Ed Hathaway has said he will hold a public meeting, when the time comes for more work on the mines. He also stated that the EPA has done all they intend to do as far as paving in the Mine Road. Bill Burden stated that the local emergency operating plan didn't have many changes. The plan worked well during Irene and provided a good process during an emergency. Brent moved Toni seconded to sign the local emergency operating plan. All in favor. Ellen Langtree asked if she would be notified about the driveway approval. Terry Gibson didn't receive his dog license renewal in Florida due to his mail not getting forwarded in time and asked if his late fees could be waived. A decision was tabled until we have more information.

Approve minutes- Toni moved Steve seconded to approve the minutes of April 13. All in favor.

Town Highways- Brent reported that the equipment is all good. He also reported that work will have to be done on Carpenter Hill Road. The property across from the state land has been purchased and the road needs to be repaired.

General- tennis court update- Kenny Smith dug some test holes and found that there is 2 feet of good gravel under the court. The best estimate is \$100,000 leaving the project \$25,000 short. Scott Moore thought there might be another grant in the works as well as other money available that would go towards the shortfall. Ellen Bagnato felt that the Rec Board should be having this discussion and not the Selectboard. The board agreed and Ellen said she would report back to the Selectboard at the next meeting as to what they feel is the best way to proceed.

Recycling Committee update- David Harris said he has called around for cheaper haulers with no luck. He reported cardboard is the only thing the town makes money on. The town is saving \$320/month by owning the dumpsters. David and Scott both said that it is very important that everyone crushes their plastic containers before putting them in the dumpster. Uncrushed, the plastic jugs take up too much space and we are paying to haul air.

Town rep to the upper valley ambulance- Toni moved, Brian seconded to nominate John Whelihan to be the town rep to the upper valley ambulance. All in favor.

Dog Kennel- the next slow day, some of the road crew will assemble the shelter for the dog kennel.

Other- Toni went to the New Vista meeting and said Strafford is ahead of other towns with its zoning in regards to this project.

Brian moved, Brent seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell