

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard
August 24, 2016

Members of the public body present- Toni Pippy, John Freitag, Brian Johnson, Brent Cadwell (arrived at 7:04), Stephen Marx (arrived at 7:45)

Other active participants-Jon MacKinnon, Jennifer Brown, Carol and Carla Bushway, Steve Campbell, Sean Lewis

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Citizen concerns: none

Correspondence: copies of the documents are available at the Town Clerk's Office

Dori Wolfe announced her resignation as the Recycling Coordinator. Error and Omissions from the lister's were reviewed. Toni moved and Brian seconded to approve the errors and omissions. John, Brian and Toni approved. Brent & Steve- absent

Minutes: Brian moved Brent seconded to approve the minutes of the August 10th selectboard meeting. Toni, Brent, Brian approved Steve absent John abstained since he didn't attend the meeting.

Town Highways: Jon reported that all equipment is good. He reported of a culvert failure on Sawnee Bean Road that needs replacing. Ward bridge update- work continues. Paving project will begin in the middle of September to include a section of J.M.H. and a patch on Miller Pond Road where a culvert will be replaced. Miller Pond Road will be closed on 8/29/16 to allow the road crew to replace a failed culvert. Please use the Lower Dodge Road to go around if traveling out Miller Pond road that morning. We are waiting for the State to finalize the permit rules before taking any action regarding the Vermont Clean Water Act.

General: Toni moved and Brent seconded to sign the contract for the tennis court reconstruction.

Town plan discussion: Toni suggested sending letters to those who do not have internet so more people know about the meetings. Steve Campbell expressed his disappointment with the turnout at the first meeting. It was agreed that there needs to be a better job of advertising the meetings to promote better turnout. Steve Campbell explained that the new plan would prevent over development. John asked if Strafford currently had a problem with over development Steve said no it did not. Brent asked what the two chapters are that are required to add to our town plan. Steve said that a chapter on flood resilience and economic development are now required. He said the planning commission has not yet written the economic development chapter. Brent asked if just those two chapters could be written and added to our expired (expired 8/11/16) town plan. Suggesting that it would allow the town to have an approved plan without any changes and give the planning commission more time to explain the changes they are suggesting. Steve said that the

planning commission is hoping for a January approval of the new plan but that what Brent suggested could be done. Steve said they plan to hold another public forum in early October. Planning Commission vacancy: The board decided that because there are multiple people that have shown interest in being appointed, that we would like them to come to the next meeting to discuss why they want to be on the planning commission. The board would then appoint a new member. Town Governance Committee: Toni moved and Brent seconded to appoint David Grant & John Hawkins to co-chair the committee. All in favor. S.L.C. Pond update: John updated the board on the research of the deed for the pond. No action was taken. South Strafford Streetlights: nothing to report. John will research and report back to the board.

Other: VLCT is offering a workshop for town health officers. Knowing that Beth Preston is resigning from the position, the board will post a notice asking if anyone interested in filling the position would like to attend the workshop on 9/11/16.

Brian moved and Toni seconded to adjourn. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell