

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE STRAFFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 16, 2015

Members of the public body present: Rod Maclay, Chair, Brent Cadwell, John Freitag, Brian Johnson, Steve Marx,

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Town Clerk, Bill Boynack, Orange County Sheriff, Steve Willbanks, Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUVSWD) Representative and East Central Vermont Community Fiber Network (ECFiber) Governing Board Representative, Tom Kennedy, GUVSWD consultant, Dori Wolfe, Corky Scott, Michael Scanlan from the Recycling Committee, Andy Behrens, ECFiber, Debbie Clark, Durkee Rubbish Removal, Bob Johnston, Strafford Historical Society

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Bob Johnston talked about the value to the Town of the Strafford Historical Society and presents a request to double the contribution of the Town to the Strafford Historical Society from \$1000 to \$2,000.

Steve and Bob talked about the new law passed last year regarding solid waste and how it would impact haulers, recycling efforts and the town. They also talked about the falling prices for recyclables and how there would be a need to offset the costs with some price increases. Budget figures were reviewed and a tentative increase of \$2,800 was put in the line item Recycling Expenses which is used primarily for the costs of the roll-off bins and trucking. The Board discussed possible options and timelines on how to address the increased costs and regulations. Steve will write up for the Board his recommendations.

Sheriff Bill Boynack – updated the Board on recent activity by his office and answered questions from the Board. He requested level funding his budget from the Town for next year.

Steve in his capacity as our ECFiber representative presented wording for an article to be voted on regarding legal changes in its structure. John will check with the League of Cities and Towns to make sure that these changes in no way effect what is now no liability for the Town.

The Board continued its review of the budget. No final decisions were made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next budget meeting on Monday January 19, 2015 at 8 a.m. In the Town Office

Respectfully submitted,

John Freitag, Acting Recording Secretary