

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard
September 14, 2016

Members of the public body present: Steve Marx, Toni Pippy, Brian Johnson, John Freitag, Brent Cadwell arrived at 6:50.

Other active participants: Lisa Kendall, Jon MacKinnon, Jennifer Brown, Allan Wylie, Gus and Cameron Speth, John Lloyd, Mike Hebb, Marie Ricketts, Lee Vormelker, Bob Bushway, David Grant, John Hawkins, Sean Lewis

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.
Citizens Concerns - none

Correspondence- copies of these documents are available at the Town Clerk's office. The board reviewed an email from Mike Hebb regarding state wide parcel data mapping. The board reviewed an email from Jeanne Castro regarding delinquent tax sales. The board reviewed with Lee Vormelker an email that was received about a petition to the Public Service Department for more reliable 911 cell service in the state. The board reviewed an email from Tii about reimbursement for her time put in for the glossy buckthorn project. The board discussed an email from Dori Wolfe regarding a public informational meeting about the start of the solar project at the mines.

Minutes- Steve moved Toni seconded to approve the minutes. A change was made to include "all approved" after the first sentence under general. All approved.

Highways- Jon reported everything is good. The Ward bridge will open on Friday once the guardrail is installed. The paving project is scheduled to begin the week of the 19th. Jon reported that all FEMA work related to Irene has been inspected and is now complete. Tom Cecere brought to our attention an issue with Sawnee Bean Road addresses. Thetford's 911 numbers are in the thousandths and Straffords are in hundredths and it creates issues with gps systems and possibly emergency response vehicles. He suggested either going to the thousandth system or changing Strafford's end to North Sawnee Bean Road. Lisa checked with 911 and was told either option would be fine. Brent will try to contact the residence to get their opinion.

General- Mike Hebb explained that there is a request from VCGI to participate in the statewide parcel mapping project with the first year being funded by VTRANS.

David Grant and John Hawkins accepted the position as co-chair for the town governance study. They brought in the letter they intend to distribute looking for interested people. Steve suggested adding a phone number for those who don't have Internet. Lisa advised that the committee will be operating under the open meeting law and will need to post agendas and minutes using these guidelines.

Bob Bushway expressed his interest in the Planning Commission vacancy. He said that while he can't do as much with the fire dept., he could offer his time to this. Sean Lewis expressed his interest in the vacancy as well saying he felt he could bring a different perspective to the commission as someone who has generational ties to the community. Toni, Steve, Brian voted for Bob, Brent and John voted for Sean. Bob Bushway was appointed.

Steve contacted the contractor for the street lights. He will review the work and give us an estimate. John contacted VLCT regarding the public meeting of the solar project at the mines. VLCT suggests that it be a warned meeting if there will be a quorum attending the meeting.

Two Rivers will be having meetings to go over the regional energy plan. The meeting will be September 27, in Bethel and September 29, in Hartford.

The board reviewed the budget.

Other- Brent moved and Brian seconded to approve a temporary logging access. All in favor.

Brent moved and Steve seconded to adjourn the meeting. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell