

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE STRAFFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 17, 2014

Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 312 (b)(1) Selectboard meeting minutes include

- (A) All members of the public body present;
- (B) All other active participants in the meeting;
- (C) All motions, proposals and resolutions made, offered and considered, and what disposition is made of same; and
- (D) The results of any votes, with a record of the individual vote of each member if a roll call is taken.

Although meeting minutes have complied with 1 V.S.A. § 312 (b)(1), additional information is included as a courtesy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public body present:

Rod Maclay, Chair, Sally Hull and Victoria Lloyd, Members

Other active participants:

Lisa Kendall, Town Clerk; Jon MacKinnon, Road Foreman; and Dick Josler, resident.

Motions, proposals and resolutions made, offered and considered, and disposition of same:

Citizen concerns – None.

Strafford Cemeteries – Dick Josler, Chair of the Cemetery Commission, reported that new member Joie Finley Morris has been doing a great deal of work for the Commission. The Selectboard is grateful for his service.

Dick has obtained several bids for repair and replacement of the 324 linear feet wrought iron fencing for the Evergreen Cemetery. Stewart Iron Works in Kentucky provided estimates for restoration at \$86,220 and replacement at \$83,190. The Town of Tunbridge is doing a similar project but the cost per foot seems high, given the fence's condition and the cost of materials they are covering. Middlebury Fence provided a restoration estimate for \$37,400, but there was some uncertainty in the estimate due to the condition of the fence. The Selectboard recommended that Dick provide a section of fence to the company to restore so that a more firm estimate for the entire restoration can be provided to the Town. The Selectboard would like to reserve a sum of money each year for four years to pay for this work, and Dick will inquire about whether Middlebury Fence will honor their price if the work is split in this way.

Dick provided estimates for fencing needed for the cemetery on Miller Pond Road (\$1,250), a tree that needs to be removed (\$800) and annual headstone cleaning (\$1,000) at Evergreen Cemetery.

2014 Budget – The Selectboard reviewed the town budget with the Road Foreman.

Creative Preschool Playground Property – A motion was made to offer the Creative Preschool property to be conveyed to the Strafford School District for \$1.00. (M/S, Tori/Sally. All in favor.)

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m. (M/S, Tori/Sally. All in favor.)

Results of any votes (1 VSA Section 312(b)(1)(D)): No votes taken.

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 20, 2014, 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hull, Recording Secretary