

Strafford Selectboard Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 26, 2020

6:00 pm Town Office and Zoom

Members present: Toni Pippy, Pat Kelly, Rett Emerson, Mary Linehan, Brent Cadwell

Others present and participating via Zoom: Gus Speth, Cameron Speth, Susan Tiholiz, David Paganelli, Micki Colbert, Judith Falk, Stephen Willbanks, Chuck Sherman, Rocky Fuller, Martin Frank, Ann Hollinger, John Echeverria, Bob Linck, Michael Sacca, John Freitag, Marcia Webster, JT Horn, Vanessa Rule, David Grant, Maria Bekhtereva, Susan Cloke, Kate Root, Matt Perry, Martin Frank, Dick Rubin

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

This special meeting was scheduled so that the Selectboard could discuss the next steps for the proposed Ashley Community Forest. After overcoming a small technical issue the board acknowledged all the community members in attendance via zoom and deliberated the issues involved so that we could move this project forward by holding a town-wide vote. It was decided that it would be best to hold the vote on the same day as the Town of Sharon will be holding their vote on this same issue.

A motion was made and seconded to hold the vote on whether or not to accept the offer to accept the parcel of land known as the Ashley Forest on January 18, 2021.

The board will work towards finalizing language that will be on the ballot in the next several weeks.

The board feels it is in the town's best interest to own Strafford's portion of the forest and to allow Sharon to own their portion. The board agreed to try to manage the land cooperatively with Sharon and to share language regarding the Conservation Easements.

The board decided to work on drafting a public information document that would highlight both the issues and concerns as well as the benefits and opportunities that would come from the town taking ownership of this parcel.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Kelly
for the Reporting Clerk