

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard June 22, 2016

Members of the public body present- Toni Pippy, Stephen Marx, Brent Cadwell, John Freitag, and Brian Johnson
Other active participants- Lisa Kendall, Jon MacKinnon, Jennifer Brown, Allan Wylie, Jane Brown

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Citizen's concerns-Jane Brown expressed concerns about large trucks traveling over Ames Road now that the Ward Bridge is under construction. She also said that the other vehicles are traveling too fast. She asked if the town could put signs up. Jon MacKinnon said that the road is a class 3 road and signs can't be put up without going through the state. He said he would get in touch with TRORC to see if there was anything he could do.

Correspondence- The board reviewed a grant opportunity for the park and ride from VTRANS.

Approve the minutes- Steve moved and Toni seconded to approve the minutes of 6/8- all in favor. Brian moved and Steve seconded to approve the minutes of 6/13- all in favor

Town highways- Jon said the crew has been grading and mowing and the equipment is all good. He said the Ward Bridge is going well. We received the paving grant in the amount of \$164,443 with the town contributing \$41,000. Jon will contact Pike and Blacktop to get another price from each. Jon said we received the erosion control grant in the amount of \$4746 to help the town implement an erosion control program. Highway access approval process: Brent and John presented two separate drafts to the process. Steve moved and Toni seconded to have the Road Foremen/Public Works Supervisor be the one to implement the highway access policy with the Selectboard having the responsibility to give the notice of approval to proceed and issue the final permit. Toni moved and Steve seconded to give Roger and Paula Howes their notice of approval to proceed with their driveway. All approved. The board reviewed a list of several driveways that still don't have final approval. Some of these driveways date back 10 years. Jon MacKinnon will look at the driveways on the list and give the board recommendations at the next meeting.

General- Lisa presented the board with the new workers compensation letter to be given to all contractors that work for the town. Any contractor that does not carry workers comp goes on the town's workers comp numbers as required by the state. John said that \$16,680 of the \$25,000 needed for the tennis court has been raised so far. There are still unlicensed dogs in town. John said that the Planning Commission is working with TRORC regarding New Vista.

Other- Allan Wylie spoke about the heat in the Lister's office. The Lister's computer went down last year due to overheating. Allan feels that good air circulation would help the issue. John suggested putting in an exhaust fan as well as putting a screen in the storm door. John will get an estimate on this and bring it to the next meeting. Allan said that the contract with the outside appraiser runs out June 30th. Last year's budget was \$5700 but \$8685 was what was actually spent. Appeals that went to the state were a large part of the overage. Allan asked for a new proposal that would allow us to have a closer budget. The new proposal would be for \$9600. The board asked Allan if he would ask for a 6 month contract that would get it on schedule with the town budget. And then ask for a 12 month contract thereafter. Lisa has been investigating the ability to take credit cards or e-checks at the office. She said she will post on the website and the listserv when it is available. Mike Hebb requested reimbursement of \$50 for nuts, bolts and washers for the trail system. Steve told the board that the state has hired a new person to keep track of Coverage Co., the company that owns the cell boosters on Rt132.

Brain moved and Brent seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Cadwell