

Strafford Special Selectboard meeting

March 28, 2018

Board went into executive session 5:32 for a personnel matter.
Board came out of executive session at 5:47 with no action taken.

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Members present: Brian Johnson, Toni Pippy, Kate Siepmann, John Freitag, Lauri Berkenkamp
Other members of the public: Jon MacKinnon; Bill Burden; Todd Binzen, reporter for the Herald;
Shawn Harlow, representing the fire department; Ray Bushey, representative from E-One

Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

1. Citizens' Concerns:

There were no citizens' concerns

2. Town Highways Report:

- A. Roads: Jon said roads are holding up well during mud season, all things considered.
- B. Equipment: Road crew is investigating options to replace one of the town trucks and will put it out to bid. They are also working up specs for new mower and will go out to bid after more investigation.
- C. Tree removal around Town Office: Town would like to remove trees. Several questions were asked; issue will be tabled until more information is available.
- D. Highway access application: Received a highway access app by Brent Caldwell; Jon will review and bring it back to the Board.

3. Approval of Minutes: Board voted to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2018 meeting.

4. Correspondence:

- A. Vermont Council on Rural Development: Toni volunteered to be the representative from the selectboard for the initial meeting.
- B. Vanu Coverage Co Operations: Tim Briglin is taking the lead on trying to keep Coverage Co units in operation. He will keep the selectboard apprised of ongoing developments.
- C. Email from Amy Huyffer re: log truck: This has been resolved.
- D. Email from George Spaneas re: paving Justin Morrill Hwy: The Board is working on a long-term highway plan, but there is no plan to pave JMH this year. x

5. Appointments:

Bill Burden recommended the appointment of Mike Ekegren as Emergency Management Assistant. Board voted in favor of this appointment.

6. Certified Local Government Application:

The Board signed the application.

7. Budget:

The Board tabled the budget discussion until next meeting.

8. Fire Truck Financing and Contract:

The estimated construction completion of the new fire truck will be February 2019 at a cost of \$288,806. The Town will finance payment of the truck; details regarding the financing are in progress. Board voted to approve the contract with E-One, manufacturer of the firetruck, and signed the contract.

9. General:

A. Liaison appointments and updates: Rec Board had 2 members of the Creative Preschool present plans for playground upgrades.

B. EPA work at the Elizabeth Mine Project update: Ed Hathaway provided a rough outline of their work and will provide a more detailed update to the board and a public hearing this summer.

C. Velco: Will provide the Town with the number of trucks traveling through town in the near future.

D. EC Fiber Outage March 23rd: EC Fiber sent an email explaining what happened with the outage on March 23 and apologizing. They will be sending an apology and issuing credits to customers on Turnpike Road who were affected.

E. Property Tax Sales discussion: Discussion regarding tax sales on properties with delinquent taxes.

F. Governance Committee Recommendations—Next Steps: the board isn't ready to discuss this.

G. April 11th meeting, Planning Commission, and Selectboard Village centers: Selectboard members will tour the village before our scheduled meeting, and defer to the planning commission in this matter.

10. Other:

No other business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauri Berkenkamp