

Strafford Selectboard Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2020, 6pm at Town Office

Members present: Brian Johnson, Pat Kelly, Toni Pippy, Lauri Berkenkamp. Kate Siepmann was absent.

Others present: Martha Walke, Gil Robertson, Shawn Harlow, Lisa Bragg, John Freitag, Jennifer Brown, Bonnie Bergeron, Susan Cloke, Roz Finn, Steve Marx, David Grant

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Citizen Concerns

No citizens' concerns

Town Highways and Equipment Update

Brian reported that PD's truck was broken and is now fixed and back on the road. Jon needs to provide the board with an estimate for a new truck. He wants a 10-wheeler rather than a four-wheel drive vehicle. Toni reminded the board that this must be put out to bid. Jon will put the specs out to bid and present to the board. Town will post the roads as of March 2. A list of the roads to be posted is available at the town office. Board moved, seconded, and approved posting the roads from March 2 to May 15, 2020. Board members signed a document stating that the town is in compliance with state standards for the roads.

Correspondence

The board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

Letter from Rita Seto, AICP, Senior Planner, Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission, RE: FY22Transportation Capital Projects Prioritization. Board is working on priorities but is currently not on the prioritization list at this time.

Letter from Roz Finn RE: Dog attack

Toni reported that Janet Hardy talked with the owner about the dog attack and there is no need to hold a hearing.

Email from Michael Sacca, Alliance Vermont Communities RE: with thanks

Letter from Bonnie Bergeron, DRB Secretary & Clerk, seeking the selectboard's advice. A townsperson came to the DRB to apply for a lot line adjustment but never filed a mylar for the lot line adjustment and now it is not legal: the house is too close to the boundary line. The board recommends the DRB send a letter alerting the homeowner that he is officially out of compliance and must start the process again.

Approve Minutes of February 14, 2020. The board moved, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes of February 14, 2020.

Town Meeting Preparation and review

John Freitag asked about the origin of Article 7 regarding the energy coordinator, whether the EPA was doing a paving project in Strafford (they are repaving Tyson Bridge this summer and will repair a section of the Mine Road), whether the town would be doing bridge work (we are doing small repairs). He also asked about putting \$20,000 from the equipment fund into the operating budget. He is concerned about using capital reserve funds for operating funds. He also is concerned about the budget for materials for road construction, including the salt. Toni answered John's concerns about putting money in a balance forward and suggested he talk to Nellie Pennington about allocating on the budget document. This is standard practice. The funds will only be for equipment. John also asked about a road inventory and urged the board to give the townspeople a sense of the challenges we are facing regarding highways.

Dog Ordinance changes and report of dog attack

The board moved, seconded, and passed a motion to approve the revised dog ordinance with changes to section 9 and section 12.

Ashley Community Forest Project

The board received more information from a variety of sources. In April, Sharon and Strafford selectboards will meet to discuss the contract.

Other

Board discussed the sign at the park and ride.

No further business.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Berkenkamp
Recording Clerk