

Stafford Select Board Meeting  
August 22, 2018

Members present: Toni Pippy, Chair, John Freitag, Brian Johnson, Kate Siepmann. Lauri Berkenkamp was absent. Also present were Lisa Bragg, Town Clerk and Treasurer, Jon MacKinnon, Road Foreman.

The Board convened at 5:15 and went immediately into Executive Session.  
The Board exited Executive Session at 6:00.  
Toni called the regular meeting to order at 6:00.

The following motion was made, seconded and discussed: Based on certifications and qualifications, the Board will offer the position of road crew member to Alan Wight.  
The motion passed with Toni, Brian, and Kate in favor, John opposed.

1. Citizen Concerns: No citizen concerns were expressed.

2. Town Highways and Equipment update: Jon reported that it is, thankfully, a quiet time of year for road works. The bridge construction on Old City Falls Road is near completion. Repair of a header on Alger Brook Road is scheduled. The mower has been repaired and roadside mowing will continue, as will cold patching on roads around Town. Jon will coordinate with Tom Root and Paul Kifner about the installation of a power pole to bring electricity to the Common.

3. Approve minutes of August 8. Minutes were approved by Toni, Brian and Kate. John abstained because he had been absent from the meeting.

4. Correspondence:

- Emails from Laura Martineau and Philip Nash re: zoning appeal were referred to the Development Review Board, as the select board has no jurisdiction in the matter.
- Email from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development re: village center designations in Strafford and South Strafford. No action required or taken.
- Letter from the International Organization for Standardization on the subject of building code enforcement. No action required or taken.
- Email received from Two Rivers Ottaquechee Commission about a public information meeting regarding bridge work on I-89 north and south in Sharon and Royalton.
- Email from Bill Burden informing the Board of the Annual Vermont Preparedness Conference on September 7 and 8. A board member will try to attend.
- Email from Jeanne Calfee re: a dog incident on Ordway Road. Toni responded to say the owners have been identified and fined and that the incident is recorded on the records of the Animal Officer, Janet Hardy.

5. Recycling Update: Michael Scanlan reported that the Recycling Committee had received a grant for Development last year to help establish a recycling food scrap program. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Board would continue to cover the cost of recycling food scraps (+/- \$200) until the end of the year. The Board will re-visit the project and the Recycling budget requirements in the new budget discussions.

6. General:

- Email from Ellen Bagnato announcing her resignation from the Recreation Board. The Select Board will request recommendations for her replacement from the Rec Board.
- In response to a request for a speed limit reduction on Old City Falls Road, Constable Ed Eastman monitored the area in question. Over the course of several hours, 50 cars were counted. The fastest speed clocked was 39 mph. He will monitor again over Labor Day weekend.
- As liaison to law enforcement, John Freitag said he would request Orange County Sheriff's presence during the first week of school.
- A new air conditioning unit has been purchased for cooling the upstairs, the Listers' office and the ECFiber equipment.
- Utility Poles: Consolidated Communications is responsible for removing the lines from the old poles. John will keep applying pressure to get that done between Barrett Hall and the mine.

#### 7. Other:

Lisa's tenacity and attention to detail has resulted in the receipt in the first 2 of 5 FEMA reimbursements for the July 1, 2017 weather event. The others appear to be on track for approval.

Lisa is working on forming a committee to establish a long-term plan for the resurrection of the Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Kate Siepman