

Minutes of the Strafford Selectboard
March 22, 2017

Members of the public body present: Toni Pippy, Stephen Marx, Brian Johnson, Kate Siepmann, John Freitag

Other active participants: Lisa Bragg, Jon MacKinnon, Jennifer Brown, John Lloyd, and Steven Campbell, John Danner, Sean Harrington, Alex Droussiotis, and Tim Ulman from the Solar project at the Elizabeth Mine.

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

1.) Citizen Concerns - No citizen concerns

2.) Town Highways: Jon reported new ton truck is in and other trucks up and running. He suggested that we might consider getting a diagnostic tool for helping to deal with truck breakdowns. He will look into options and get back to the Board.

Jon provided clarification on a bill for clearing some trees on Alger Brook Road that was submitted three months after the work was done. While no problem with the work, it was agreed that we need to keep better track of ongoing expenses and outstanding bills.

The Board signed the Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards.

After review by Jon, John moved and Brian seconded that Carol Boardman's Highway Access permit to proceed be approved and all agreed.

3.) Brian moved and Stephen seconded approving the minutes of March 8, 2017 with the correct spelling of Kate Siepmann. All approved

4.) Elizabeth Mine Solar Project – Representatives from Greenwood (project developer), ContiSolar (project contractor) and Northwood's Construction (project transport) introduced themselves to the Board to open a clear channel of communication between the team and Town.

They would like to get started, road conditions permitting, in mid-April. They and the Board reviewed conditions in regards to safety and infrastructure that had been put into the written agreement approving the project. The project team made clear their commitment to working closely with the town. They estimated that around 368 flatbed trailer trucks would be bringing material from Sharon through South Strafford and around 300 truck loads of stone for access roads and pads would be coming up from Thetford and get to the mine site via the Tyson Road. Provisions are in place for flaggers on the Tyson and Mine Road and for no trucking during school bus hours. Stephen Marx suggested that they have a flagger at Barrett Hall corner as well and they felt this was a good idea. Road Foreman MacKinnon suggested that a laser survey of the roads be done before and after the project to determine any damage to the road done by hauling and they agreed that this would be done as well as examinations before and after of the Tyson bridge and South Strafford bridge near the school driveway exit. Jon will work on helping to arrange this as well as being the point person on when in the spring it will be acceptable to haul. Selectboard Chair Toni Pippy and Co-Highway liaison John Freitag along with Jon will be kept informed on a regular basis and John will provide updates on trucking on the listserve and in the Strafford News. Newton School Principal Greg Bagnato will also be informed of trucking schedules. John Lloyd, who lives on the gravel portion of the Mine Road, expressed concern over dust created by the trucking. Management team said they would have a water truck to help keep the dust down. There was a recognition that with this project, along with the bridge replacement project in South Strafford, there will be difficulties this summer, especially for those on Mine and Tyson Road. The Board, the Road Crew and the Contractors involved will be working to meet these

challenges and there was a commitment from all present to keep lines of communication open and to deal with any problems that may arise as soon as possible.

5.) Correspondence – An email was received from Simone Pyle regarding early morning noise for a logging operation. Toni will follow up. Other email include one from Tii McLane resigning from the Conservation Commission: Tori Lloyd regarding concerns on Mine Road; she will come in to the next meeting on April 12. Ilene Kanoff wrote about students wanting to put on a dinner in appreciation of the Road Crew on May 19. Brian will discuss this with Jon and the crew and get back to Toni who will stay in touch with Ilene on this.

6.) General: The Board discussed changes to Composting Grant that would require expenditure in the years following the initial set up. Brian moved and Kate seconded a motion not submit a letter of support due to the estimated cost of \$2,308 year and to continue to explore other options. All approved. Appointments: Stephen moved and Brian seconded appointing John Echeverria as Two Rivers Alternative member, all approved. Kate moved and Stephen seconded approving the recommendations from the Conservation Commission to have Tim McCormick fill a one year position, Steve Faccio fills a 2year position and David Paganelli fill a 4 year position. All approved. Stephen reported that the Recycling Committee rather than have one person be appointed to Recycling Coordinator will split the responsibilities between Michael Scanlan, Scott Moore, and David Harris for this year. The Board approved of this arrangement.

Town Office – Brian offered to repair the front screen door, Lisa asked and was given permission to explore options for replacement of carpet this summer. Kate volunteered to help with improvements to the Town Office.

The Board will scheduled a Selectboard Public Meeting on the new Town Plan. Toni and Lisa will follow-up to make sure Hall is available.

Guidelines for Selectboard Conduct – the Board reviewed the guidelines which were adopted in 2011. Liaison expectations - Toni lead a discussion on what liaisons do and why we have them. Important for committees to know that there is a contact with the Selectboard and we are here to help support their work. Toni suggested having a pot-luck with all Board and Committee members sometime this summer to show our appreciation and increase communication.

VLCT Claim update - Lisa informed our insurance provider about a potential claim. Nothing more to report at this time.

Lord and Stanley Properties - Last fall Delinquent Tax Collector Jeanne Castro informed the Board about these two properties in the Mine area whose owners are deceased and whose taxes she feels are uncollectable. The Board put off action for budgetary reasons and is now revisiting the issue. Lisa and Kate will work with Jeanne Castro, the Delinquent Tax Collector to get updated and see what is the best way to proceed with these properties which have some liability issues.

7.) Other - The Board discussed how best to proceed with a property with trash issues.

Lisa brought up that Regina would be on vacation next week and now with only two people in the office she would need to close for a short time each day to take care of business outside the office. She will post times on the listserve on when the office will be closed.

Brian moved and Stephen seconded to adjourn at 8:32pm and all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Freitag, acting recording clerk