

Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Oct 10, 2024
Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Highway, Strafford, 05072

Selectboard Participants in Person: Jeff Solsaa, Kelly Harman, Mary Linehan, [Toni Pippy](#)
Participants in Person: Ed Gallagher, Denise Perkins
Participants via Zoom: Bonna Weiler, John Frietag

Meeting called to Order at 5pm.

1. Toni Pippy states that the town attorney, Michael Tarrant is in attendance via zoom. She further states that the town is facing an issue related to the Elizabeth Mine property and the tax sale from several years ago. The town has heard from the purchaser of that parcel of certain issues related to how the sale happened that need resolution. To that end, Pippy states, before we can respond properly, we need to speak with our attorney. She states that premature public knowledge of the town's approach would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage regarding the issue (s), and she makes a motion to so find. Linehan seconds the motion and all approve.
The motion is passed and Pippy moves to go into executive session with the selectboard members and the town's attorney to consider possible litigation and receive attorney-client communications . Solsaa motions to go into executive session, Pippy seconds and all approve.
The board goes into executive session at 5:01pm.
Pippy makes motion for The board to come of executive session at 5:34 pm with no formal action taken. Linehan seconds and all approve.
2. Solsaa makes motion to go into executive session at 5;35pm to discuss performance review. Pippy seconds and all approve.
Pippy motions to come out of executive session at 6:06 with no formal action taken. Solsaa seconds the motion and all approve.

Call to order at 6:05pm

3. Public Concerns:
 - a. Denise Perkins informed the board about political signs that have been taken. This has also happened in various other towns.
 - b. John Frietag- re the parking ban ordinance. He suggests that the villages should have a chance to see the ban and the Board agrees to publish the details of the ban once it has had final review by the town attorney.
 - c. Ed Gallagher- property owner on Taylor Valley Road– would like to put compostable outhouse on the property to replace the one that existed there. The Board suggested he continue to speak with the zoning officer, Bonnie Bergeron.

4. Highway Updates:
 - a. Ward Bridge - temporary repair to occur Tuesday October 15.
 - b. Crew readying general preparations for winter
 - c. Sidewalk blower is broken– PD and Jeff to come back with pricing options to replace,

5. .Approve Minutes from 10/10
 - d. Solsaa motions to approve the minutes, Linehan seconds, all approve. Pippy abstained from the vote since she was out of town.

6. Winter Parking Ban Ordinance Update:

With the attorney for some minor edits and additions
7. New Dog Ordinance:

Document under review by VLCT legal
8. Selectboard assistant- no update

9. June Solsaa is nominated to represent the town on the Senior Citizens Board.

Pippy motions to approve, Linehan seconds and all approve. Solsaa abstained.

MANY MANY thanks to Sue Coburn for all her work on the Board over the years.

10. Acknowledgement of Correspondence:

All acknowledged.

Pippy to meet with auditors to in the near future.

Motion to adjourn at 7:09. by Solsaa, Linehan seconds, and all approve.

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