Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2016 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Ladd, Davis and Macdonald: Others present: Jamie Sayen, Christine Cousins, Wayne Hall and Suzanne Goulet

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Suzanne talked to the Selectmen about an email that she received from Attn. John Frizzell concerning court on Thursday pertaining to the Writ of Summons with Michael and Elizabeth Brauer.

Suzanne gave Clayton the Meeting Schedule for the NCC TAC Committee for which Clayton volunteered to represent the Selectmen of Stratford.

Suzanne asked the Selectmen if they have compared the DRA (contract template) and the Brett & Purvis Statistical Contracts and decided which contract they have decided to use. The Selectmen said that they liked both contracts but did prefer the contract from DRA.

Suzanne spoke to the Selectmen about the handyman. Suzanne said that she has worked with him a couple of times and even sent an email. Suzanne said that she hasn't heard from him and he hasn't worked for 4 weeks. Suzanne wanted to know if they wanted her to send him a termination letter. Jamie said to wait, he would like to talk to him first.

Suzanne told the Selectmen that she has been working with the State on the Town Hall Rd. Suzanne said that the town has never received a reply from the State concerning the letter that she sent to them back in August 2015 requesting documentation to prove that the road had been given to the town after the new Rt. 3 was constructed. Suzanne said that if the town maintains a road for a certain amount of years it would be considered a town road. The State considers it a town road but Suzanne wants documentation.

Suzanne discussed with the Selectmen about buying a copy of the book "Discoveries in the Attic" which is a book written about love letters found in an attic in Stratford. Jamie said that the limited edition book costs $35.00. Suzanne said that it would be good to have one on hand in the Town Office.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to purchase a copy of the book "Discoveries in the Attic".

Jamie Sayen said that he was all ready for tomorrow (Town Meeting) but he did want to discuss the 2/3 vote for Article 10 for the Buildings Capital Reserve Fund wordage. Jamie said that since it will need to be a hand count he would like to have Dawn also count to make sure of an accurate count. Jamie also discussed the letter that Kathy Roth had put in the newspaper concerning support of Fantastic Fridays, grant money and the town's support for a Pavilion. Jamie also spoke about the last article concerning other business and asked the Selectmen if they were going to discuss the interest in building a Pavilion on the Town Common. The Selectmen said that is where they were prepared to discuss it. Jamie said that he would be introducing the Selectmen, Ballot Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist at the beginning of the meeting.

Jamie Davis also talked about an anonymous warning about the Colebrook Dispatch and that if Stratford doesn't want to address this again the town would possibly be in a lawsuit. Suzanne said that someone suggested that the (922) calls to Colebrook could be from Columbia since the 911 calls from Stratford are supposed to be directed to the Lancaster Dispatch. It was also discussed that it is the 911 system that directs which dispatch the calls go to and the town has nothing to do with it.

Jamie Davis talked about the Streetlights and that he had come up with a more detailed map. Jamie also suggested sending letters out to all residents that will be directly affected by the removal of any streetlights. Jamie said that he would like the Selectmen to work on the wattages of the streetlights and finalize this by the next meeting.

Clayton said that he will be getting the microphone from the School to use at Town Meeting tomorrow.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #35202 in the amount of $151.45 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of $1,723.63 and A/P Checks #35204-35224 in the amount of $114,554.37 as presented on the Agenda.

Signed Horizons Engineering Agreement for Landfill.

Signed Charitable Exemption Form/First Baptist Church.

Signed CAI WEBGIS Contract.

Signed Intent to Excavate/Albert Cloutier.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 2/29/16.

Reviewed letter from Helping Hands thanking the town for their support in the past and explaining that they missed the

deadline to request funds from the town this year. The Selectmen discussed this and decided that it is too late to include them in the Warrant Article but they felt that they do a lot for Stratford residence and that they would like to give them something.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to give Helping Hands a donation of $250.00.

Reviewed invitation to the NHMA Workshops. Jamie and Clayton both decided that they would like to go to the one being held in Whitefield in May. Suzanne said that she would get them signed up.

Reviewed NHDES Certificate Renewal for Carlton Harris for the Town's Water.

Reviewed NCC announcement of their new Director, Dr. Barbara Robinson along with email.

Reviewed DOT Road Restrictions for Seasonal Bans.

Davis/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion to recess meeting at 4:47 pm.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to reconvene the Meeting at 4:54 pm.

Wayne Hall came into the meeting and brought up the fact that his Oath of Office and his term will be ending tomorrow at midnight and he was wondering if his term is going to be renewed. Wayne presented it to the Board and would like a decision if he is going to continue to be Chief after Town Meeting. In view of the fact of his understanding, the Selectmen have not had a chance to discuss his term. The Selectmen said that they are in no position at this moment to make this decision, but a decision needs to be made.

[Break]

Davis/Ladd (3 voted yes): motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person,* ***other than a member of this board,*** *unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* at 5:00 pm.

[Break]

Davis/Ladd (3/0 voted yes): motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session at 5:43 p.m.

Davis/Ladd (3/0 voted yes): motion to seal the minutes.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd