

Strafford Taxpayers Coalition

Meeting Minutes- 5/12/08

In Attendance: Jim Forsythe, Sue Forsythe, Dan Phelan, Bill Vance, Rollande Merz, Jean Chatrand-Ewen, Charlie Moreno.

1. Charlie Moreno was invited to the meeting to talk about the timber tax and the town forests since we had a question on the timber tax at the town meeting. His discussion of the timber tax is available in audio format at www.straaffordtaxpayers.org.
2. There was a discussion of SB-2 based on the research conducted by Jim Forsythe. Information is available in a separate document at www.straaffordtaxpayers.org.
3. Rollande presented some information on town budget committees. There was some reservation in proposing a budget committee and SB-2 at the same time.
4. There was discussion of what approach take at the next school board meeting in order to ensure taxpayers are involved in any school renovation plans. It is our understanding that any members working on the renovation plan would be considered as a subcommittee and therefore subject to right to know laws.
5. Bill Vance of the Energy committee presented a letter that had been sent to Whitcher builders regarding the geo-thermal contract for the municipal building.