

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting December 1, 2020

Selectmen in Attendance: William Flynn, Erik Walker, Ricky Emery

Attendees: Whit Lucy, Mike Vane, Mike Bebis, Lenny Jean, Brian Fortier, Deb Merrill, Dickie Perreault, Matt Coen, Vincent Carbone

Zoom attendees: Cindy Walker, Lisa Thompson, Matt Dubois, Nina Lucy, Alvina/Frank Day, Fayralyn Chapman

5:30pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, William Flynn.

Minutes of November 24th were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

BCC Boiler – Mike reports that he met with one of his reps today to look at the system for a quote for replacement. The antifreeze that was used to winterize the system is leaking into the boiler room because of the leaking pipes. Brian said that he has met with 2 companies and will be meeting another tomorrow; hopefully we will have replacement quotes soon.

Public Works Department – Brian reports that the Salvation Army drop boxes have been moved back to their original location at the Transfer Station. They have been repairing washouts from the past storm and taking care of downed trees. There have been a few storms that have required salt/sand already.

Fire Department – Dickie reports they assisted the warden service with a hiker on Burnt Meadow Mountain; assisted Fryeburg FD at Fryeburg Academy for smoke in a dorm; and assisted Denmark with a reported ATV rollover that was called in but never found. He received his 1,000 free masks. The new fire truck is in the finish bay. There have been two cases of COVID reported in MSAD 72; one teacher and one student, but neither have been at school. Dickie asked about reopening of the Burnt Meadow trail now that they have finished logging; the Board asked Megan to reach out to the property owner to ask if we may reopen the parking area.

Broadband Internet – Bill has spoken to Chris Lynch who would like to talk about bringing his company’s broadband internet service to Brownfield. He is requesting more information on the density of dwellings on town and state roads in town to see if this is something his company could accomplish. Bill told Chris about the committee that Patrick Bryant began.

Planning Board – Deb spoke on behalf of the planning board in regards to MUBC code and needing to adopt the latest version at the next town meeting, as we are currently operating under the 2009 code. She also asked about the possibility of a moratorium ordinance for short term rentals; the Board said they would entertain the idea but that the ordinance may be finished by the time a moratorium would go to vote, so it may be an obsolete issue at that time.

Local Health Officer – Erik motioned to appoint Richard Perreault as the Local Health Officer; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Christmas Tree Lighting – Bill asked if the tree had been lit; Megan responded that she, Michelle and Mike lit the tree today and has posted the video to the home page of the Town’s website.

Matt Coen – Matt stated that he delivered a letter to Michelle and left a copy for Wanda who was on vacation, requesting their resignation based on a list of concerns that he has. He also stated that he will be submitting a formal written FOAA request in the near future for documents pertaining to his concerns so that he may share this information with other taxpayers.

Potential Disorderly Building – The Board has heard back from the attorney regarding a second potential disorderly building under the Town’s Disorderly Building Ordinance, that there is sufficient police reports to move forward with a hearing. The Board chose Monday, December 21st at 6:00pm if the attorney consents to that date. Because of COVID and the recent issues with the BCC heating system – the hearing will be held in person at the town office for essential people (board members, legal counsel and the property owner) and via zoom for all others that wish to attend. Megan will send letter of notice and advertise the hearing in the Shoppers Guide as soon as the date is confirmed.

Budget Committee – Appointment papers were signed by the Board for Linda Pestilli to serve a one-year term.

Office hours – The Board discussed office hours around upcoming holidays. Erik will reach out to Michelle and Wanda to discuss.

6:10pm Ricky made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt