

# TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



## Selectmen's Meeting March 2, 2021

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

**Attendees:** Deb Merrill, Bob Hebert, Dickie Perreault

**Zoom attendees:** Karen Sidson, Lenny Jean, Matt Dubois, Paul Duquette, Cindy Eaton, Cindy Walker, Ada Lane, Alvina/Frank Day, Laurie Jaques, Mike Bebis, Fayralyn Davis

5:29pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, William Flynn.

**Minutes** of February 23<sup>rd</sup> were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

**Public Works Department** – Bob reported that the upper part of the chimney at the PW Building blew over and broke the window; the insurance company has already been notified. Dugway and Thurston Roads were closed today due to downed trees. Bob is working on getting pricing for a new truck and exploring lease/purchase pricing. He is looking into a combo body that would have a spreader and a roll-off container so that we could do our own trash hauling. **Bob stated that there will be a small increase in tipping fees**

**Fire Department** – Dickie reports 2 medical assists and 1 car crash. The new truck got the pump switch fixed. Engine 1 is out for bid, but no bids have been received yet. Dickie helped Bob with the downed trees today.

**Public Works Director applications** – The Board reviewed the applications that have been received and selected qualified candidates that they would like to set up interviews with; Megan will reach out to them and schedule their interviews.

**Valley Pride Day** – Bill received an email for this year's Valley Pride Day which will be held on May 8, 2021. Bill asked Megan to post it on the website and he will set up getting the materials/supplies needed.

**Second Amendment Sanctuary Town** – Erik motioned to place a SAS resolution in the June warrant; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Erik stated that the Sheriffs are in favor for the resolution.

**Baizley Lot** – Deb Merrill presented the Board with a survey that she had done by Northeast Civil Solutions, showing that Town owned R10-36 abuts her property and she is interested in bidding on it if the Board is interested in selling the parcel. The Board asked Megan to research the parcel and do a title search to make sure that the Town is the legal owner of the lot before putting it out to bid. Fayralyn asked where the properties will be advertised when going out to bid; they will be advertised in the Shoppers Guide and on the Town’s website. Erik motioned to have Megan research all town owned properties to report back to the Board with her findings to see which properties would be in the best interest of the Town to put to bid; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

**Tax Foreclosures** – Cindy Walker asked when tax foreclosure acquired properties would be put out to bid. Ricky said there are many properties in the town report that have surpassed the 2 years of non payment that should have already resulted in foreclosure. Erik stated that the Board does not want to take any bodies home from them; but it is not fair for the property owners that pay their taxes. Erik also stated that these questions would be best answered by Wanda, the Tax Collector.

**Deputy Treasurer** – The Board asked if there was a deputy treasurer that was filling in for Wanda during her current absence. Michelle and Bill discussed earlier in the day, that no official papers had been submitted to the Clerk naming a deputy treasurer. Bill stated that if she has not assigned one, then the Board has the authority to do so.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee** – Deb Merrill stated that there are three new residents who would like to join the Comp Plan Committee; Joe Egan, Terry Egan and Susan Eland. The Board asked Megan to print appointment papers to be signed at the next meeting.

**AgriCycle** – Bill stated that now that AgriCycle has a way to weigh the food scraps that they pick up from the transfer station, we are paying the equivalent of over \$700/ton for food scraps.

**Pease Lane** – Mike Bebis reached out to the Board regarding the public right of way on Pease Ln near his home. Erik stated that because of the snow on the ground, we would not be able to tell him where the pins are until the snow has melted.

6:34pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Megan Witt*