

# TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



## Selectmen's Meeting November 2, 2021

**Selectmen in Attendance:** William Flynn, Ricky Emery, Richard Norcross

**Attendees:** Mike Vane, Cliff Cousins, Dickie Perreault, Willy Tracy, DJ Forcier, Joe Egan

**Zoom attendees:** Cindy Eaton, Vincent Carbone

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

**Minutes** of September 28<sup>th</sup> were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

5:30pm Bill motioned to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(E), to consult with the Town Attorney regarding pending litigation, i.e. Braciska v. Town of Brownfield. Out of executive session at 6:09pm. No action taken at this time.

**Fire Department** – Dickie reports 3 wilderness rescues, 5 trees on the lines, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 fire alarm activations, 34 medical assists and 1 propane leak. Two firefighters attended training in Fryeburg. Two new fire hydrants have been installed; one on Sam Brown Hill Rd and one on Old County Road on a private pond. Annual pump testing of the trucks and hose testing was done; everything passed. There is a design of the proposed new fire station that he will be presenting to the building committee on Thursday.

**Public Works Department** – Cliff reports Sam Brown Hill Road and Old County Road will be paved in the coming weeks; they do not anticipate road closures during the paving. TroutUnlimited is inquiring about the new culvert on Phen Hill Road; they would be asking the Town for \$6,857 for the project. The bridge on Misty Lane is in need of replacement, Cliff is working on options and getting costs so that we can present it during budget time. Joe is asking for a snowblower for the transfer station to clean up walk-ways, etc. Ricky motioned to allow to spend up to \$1,200 out of the Transfer Station Reserve account for purchasing a new snowblower; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

**Recreation Department** – Willy reports that soccer has ended this past Saturday. The calendar raffle for the ball fields has raised \$5,700; Willy thanked all of the donors and the purchasers of the raffle tickets. Willy is working on adding a Babe Ruth team added to our area and would like to improve the fields to support this. The Board gave Willy their blessings to improve the fields. Basketball signups will be starting up soon.

**Budget Committee Meeting** – The first meeting will be held on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Town Office.

**RHR Audit Meeting** – Megan will reach out to Ron to schedule the next Tuesday he is available.

**ARPA Funds** – Wanda reports that just over \$86,000 of ARPA funds have been deposited into the Towns account.

**Thanksgiving Week** – The office will be open on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Center Heating Bid Opening** – Three bids were received:

- 1) MB Mechanical Option 1: \$108,053 for propane boiler Option 2: \$114,153 for oil boiler
- 2) McGrath Mechanical Services - \$68,430 propane boiler
- 3) Federal Piping Co. - \$58,052.50 – Direct replacement oil boiler

After discussion, the Board decided to reach out to McGrath and Federal Piping to ask more questions regarding the scope of the estimates before making a decision.

**Radon Mitigation System** – Mike reports that the system is scheduled to be installed on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

7:15pm Bill motioned to go into an executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(H) – Consultations between municipal officers and a code enforcement officer representing the municipality; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Out of executive session at 7:38pm. Bill motioned for Mike to hold a meeting with all of the alleged illegal pit owners; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

7:40pm Bill motioned to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) Personnel matters; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Out of executive session at 8:32pm. No action taken.

8:32pm Ricky motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dick. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Megan Witt*