

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting April 6, 2021

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

Attendees: Deb Merrill, Dana Forcier Jr, Dickie Perreault, Willy Tracy, Mike Vane, Bob Hebert, Cliff Cousins, Joe Egan

Zoom attendees: Whit Lucy, Cindy Walker, Matt Dubois, Dan Molloy, Cristin Perreault, Mike Bebis, Fayralyn Davis

5:27pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, Willian Flynn.

Minutes of March 25th were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Rec Fields – Dana Forcier spoke with the Board about the possibility of the rec fields being on his property. He is looking into getting a survey done. He asked if the Town would be willing to share the cost of the survey; the Board agreed that they could discuss a percentage based on how many points are on the survey. Erik asked about purchasing a small piece of his property if it does in fact overlay with the ball fields. Bill asked if we could continue to use the fields as we have been until this was settled; Dana agreed. He will be in contact with Megan with details on the survey.

Tax Acquired Lots – Wanda was unable to be at the meeting so Megan spoke on her behalf. The Riverbend Lot (R02-002-090) has had a bit of interest since last mentioned at a Selectmen's meeting. There will be a substantial amount of cleanup needed to the lot.

The lot on Burnt Meadow Pond (U06-032-000) has had interest from an abutter, and is unbuildable.

Erik motioned to put tax acquired lots R02-002-090 and U06-032-000 to sealed bid, with the minimum bid being the back taxes owed; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Megan will advertise both lots on the website and in the Shoppers Guide.

One of the Farnsworth Rd lots that Wanda had previously mentioned has begun a payment plan.

AgriCycle – Bill spoke with Shane at AgriCycle about ending our contract with them at the end of June due to the cost. The Board asked Megan to put an ad in the Shoppers Guide to let residents know that as of July 1, we will no longer be accepting food scraps at the transfer station until an alternative can be found. Joe Egan stated that he has found a grant that could help with funds for obtaining compost units for home use.

Fire Department – Dickie reports 5 medical calls, 3 trees down, 2 wires down, 2 vehicle crashes, 1 brush fire and 1 agency assist. He got an offer of \$6,500 for the old truck; but would like to put it out to bid again. He is working on putting a hydrant on Burnt Meadow Pond Road and will be putting one in at Dick Norcross's pond. There will be a Covid vaccine clinic at the Fryeburg Fair grounds April 30-May 3rd.

Public Works Department – Cliff reports he is getting settled in and caught up on the happenings at PW. Cliff showed the Board photos of the rust on the truck bodies. Ricky stated that none of the PW trucks will pass inspection, which are due in June. A new body will be put in the warrant for Town meeting.

Recreation Department – Willy reports they are in full swing with baseball with Denmark with about 70 kids between the two towns, being the largest turnout in years. He has done a soil test on the ball fields, and will be getting an analysis for recommended treatment (lime/fertilizer). The three picnic tables are in rough shape and will be disposed of; he is researching replacement options. He wrote a letter for Tina Richardson to help support the grants she is applying for to update the Community Center. Willy is looking for a swim instructor and will leave it up to the instructor as to which beach they will use for swim lessons.

Pease Lane – Mike Bebis asked if the Town had determined where the right of way ended. Erik stated that now that the snow has melted, public works can investigate and hopefully have a resolution by the time the road bans are removed.

Transfer Station – Bill stated that the 4th of July and Christmas fall on days that the transfer station would normally be open. The Board stated that it would be closed both of these days; Megan will place ads in the Shoppers Guide as the dates approach to remind residents.

Employee Raises – Joe Egan presented the Board with a salary breakdown and recommended a 1.7% cost of living raise (obtained from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics) for the employees of Brownfield be put in the town warrant this year. Bill motioned to put the article for a 1.7% raise for town employees in the warrant; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

6:54pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt