

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting July 7, 2020

Attendees: Deb Merrill, Pam Thomas, Lenny Jean, Dickie Perreault, Brian Fortier, Michelle Day, Roger Benson, Sharon Benson

5:31pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, William Flynn.

Spirit of America Award – Bill awarded Sharon and Roger Benson the 2020 Brownfield Spirit of America Award to honor volunteerism. The Bensons have spent countless hours running the Southern Oxford County Nutrition Inc Food Pantry to feed local families.

Minutes of June 30th were approved by Bill; seconded by Erik. Vote 2-0-0.

Stone Mountain Arts Center Liquor license - The Board signed the renewal liquor license for SMAC.

Public Works Department – Brian reports the bridge deck and guardrails are complete; although the guardrails may need to be extended. The approaches and shoulders need to be done; Brian got quotes and is hoping to have this complete soon. There is a culvert on Merrill Corner Road that got damaged during the last rain storm and will need to be replaced in the near future.

Fire Department – Dickie reports a woods fire caused by lightning. He just completed the annual air pack certification. Hose testing will be completed in August and pump testing will be in September. He got all of the materials to re-plumb the fire station.

No Parking signs – Bill stated that the no parking signs on Route 160 have been placed. The no parking can now be enforced by Oxford County Sheriffs and vehicles would be towed.

General Assistance Report – Megan reports for the second quarter of 2020 she processed one application and zero dollars were spent.

July 14th meeting – Next week's meeting will be a workshop only to prepare for Town Meeting on 7/15.

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Brownfield Community Center – There have been recent inquiries about renting the BCC. The Board would only be willing to allow rentals if it would be professionally disinfected/cleaned after each use and the renter would be responsible for payment for such services. Megan will reach out to our current cleaner to see if this is something she would be able to accommodate and what the cost would be.

School Board Election – Michelle reports that she received a call from the School Board who said there was an error on their ballot. The new election date will be August 18th. They will reimburse the Town for any added expenses from this election if a bill is submitted. The Selectmen have left it up to Michelle to decide poll hours; tentatively, her plan is having the polls open from 2pm-8pm and closing the Clerk's office during that time. The BOS asked her to put her final plan in writing and give it to Megan to distribute to the Board.

Recycling – There was some conversation between the Board and Brian regarding the weight of the recycling loads taken to EcoMaine. Brian said that the compactor may need to be serviced to be able to fit more into a container. Erik motioned to have the recycling compactor serviced, with funds being taken from the Transfer Station Reserve account; seconded by Bill. Vote 2-0-0.

Tax Assessment Certificate Errors – The Board is in receipt of an email from the auditor explaining that the \$200,000 from surplus that was supposed to offset the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019 and the \$300,000 from surplus that was supposed to offset the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020 were not applied by the treasurer when presenting the Board of Selectmen with the tax assessment certificate for setting the tax rate for these years. Erik read excerpts from the email; Bill asked about the \$13,068 in other revenue that Ron wrote "Wanda had forgotten what this figure was so we will call misc. revenue" The Board would like to meet with Wanda this week, prior to Town Meeting, to get current account information to be able to provide residents with accurate numbers, as she may not be present at the meeting.

6:46pm Erik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bill. Vote 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt