

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting February 9, 2021

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

Attendees: Willy Tracy

Zoom attendees: Linda Pestilli, Cindy Walker, Kaz Madison, Nina Lucy, Lenny Jean, Ada Lane, Alvina/Frank Day

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

Minutes of January 26th were approved by Erik; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Road Posting Ordinance – Erik stated that after the discussion about needing to hold a public hearing and enact the road posting ordinance, the attested copy from 2005 was found in the office, so no further action is needed.

President's Day week Selectmen's meeting – The Board unanimously decided to change the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting from 2/16 to 2/17 at 5:15pm due to the office being closed on 2/16 and that they already have a public hearing scheduled for the 17th.

Book recycling – Bill was contacted by a gentleman from Limerick who asked about placing a book donation bin at the transfer station. Bill told him that he would need to speak with the local library to make sure there was no conflict of interest; Megan has emailed the library. Bill would also like to wait until snow is gone before adding any more items to be plowed around at the transfer station.

CMP Pole Permit – The Board signed another request from CMP for pole easement for Pasture Lane.

Transfer Station – Bill reached out to surrounding towns to see what they charge for construction debris being turned in. Some towns have scales, so they are able to charge by weight, whereas others charge by volume. He said he would like to do more research before making any decisions,

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but thinks that the Board should consider increasing the price the town charges for construction debris based on what revenue is brought in vs. what is spent to have it removed.

Emergency Mutual Aid – Erik stated that the only town that replied was Fryeburg; he sent them the requested information and has not heard back.

Annual Town Meeting – The board discussed the current state of affairs with COVID and the likelihood of having an open town meeting. Erik said that although he does not feel that a referendum vote allows our municipality to have the same voice as an open town meeting, during these times, it seems that would be our only option. The Board discussed having each item as their own article, instead of grouping them together. There will be public hearings at the community center with limited capacity and the ability to join via zoom. Bill motioned to have the annual town meeting vote via secret ballot referendum; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

6:30pm Erik motioned to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) Personnel matters; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Out of executive session at 6:28pm.

Erik motioned to hire Willy Tracy as Recreation Director, effective beginning the next pay period (2/14), at a rate of \$14.75/hour with a \$50/mo cell phone stipend; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Erik motioned to have security cameras installed as outlined in the estimate from Ideal Security by the end of March, with funds being spend from the Building Capital Improvement account; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

6:39 pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt