

# TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



## Selectmen's Meeting March 9, 2021

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

**Attendees:** Mike Vane, Bob Hebert, Tom Kelly, Dickie Perreault

**Zoom attendees:** John Burns, Cindy Walker, Whit Lucy, Mike Bebis, Alvina/Frank Day, Deb Merrill

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

**Minutes** of March 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved by Erik; seconded by Bill with the correction "Any bodies" be changed to "anybody's". Vote 3-0-0.

**John Burns** – John asked about funds for setting up a paid Survey Monkey account for the Brownfield Broadband Committee, as the free version does not have the features needed. Erik motioned to obtain a 1-year account to be utilized by any Town department or committee, not to exceed \$500, with funds being spent from the administrative budget; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. John said that the committee is looking for more members, ideally someone in education and a student.

**CEO Schedule** – Mike and the Board discussed his need for two full days in the office. Mike's set day will remain Tuesdays, with other times as needed.

**Building Fee Schedule** – Mike presented the Board with a new fee schedule for building permits; we were almost double what all surrounding towns are. Bill motioned to accept the recommended fee schedule to \$0.25/square foot of finished space and \$0.15/square foot of unfinished space; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

**Truck Replacement** – Bob presented more information on a replacement truck, including information on lease/purchase financing. He also gave information on a rolloff combo body, if the Town decided to do its own trash hauling.

**Trash Compactor** – Bob said that the trash compactor will need to be rebuilt this summer; the rebuild will take several days.

**Wind Damage** – Erik motioned to accept the estimate from J&S Masonry in the amount of \$8,250 for the chimney repair; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Megan will forward the estimate to the insurance company.

**Decibel Meter** – Dickie said that he has looked into types of meters and found an option that he believes will work for our situation. Megan will email Leah to let her know, so they can move forward with the negotiations.

**Boston Cane Recipient** – The Boston Cane is back in the office. The Board discussed how to get it to the next recipient due to COVID – Erik will reach out to the family of Ed Grove to see how we can get the cane to him.

**Zoom Meetings** – Erik motioned to post the corresponding Zoom meeting with the minutes, to be on the website until the next minutes/meeting is posted (approx. 1 week); seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

**Valley Pride Day** – Bill has reached out to the person in charge to let them know that Brownfield will be participating again this year. Megan will ask Willy to help put out tables and PW will assist in bringing a container to the community center to dispose of the trash picked up.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen's Meeting** – Due to the Special Town Meeting on 3/23, there will be no Selectmen's meeting that week.

**AgriCycle** – Bill spoke with a representative from AgriCycle who stated there would be no penalties for ending our contract early. Because it is a flat fee for hauling – we averaged \$760/ton for food scraps picked up by AgriCycle in 2020. Erik would like to have an alternative to composting/food scraps before taking the current program away.

**Demolition Debris Prices** – The Board discussed how much demolition debris we have taken in at the transfer station and how our rates compare with surrounding towns. Bill motioned to eliminate the “small amount” price all together, increase the ½ pickup load from \$15 to \$25 and the full pickup load from \$30 to \$50; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

**DEP Debris Management Site** – Bill asked the Board if we should pursue the voluntary debris management site paperwork for natural disasters. Dickie and Bob both commented that they had tried to do it previously but it was a complicated process and because Brownfield is on an aquifer, FEMA wouldn't approve it.

6:40pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Megan Witt*