

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2024

Present were: Chad Pine; Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Brian Merrill; Tiffany Caswell; Rec Director, Willy Tracy; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Safety Officer, William Flynn; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Dan Larson; Lillian Tillson, Barbara Moulton; Whit Lucy; Deborah Tait; Joe Egan; Terry Egan; Tom Dugas; Vincent Carbone; CEO, Mike Vane; Garry Williams; Lisa Williams; William Reilly; Christine Zikas; Raymond Lyons and Treasurer, Lynn Boyle. Also present were our Assessors, Bob Konczal and Hannah Hutchinson. Zoom: Hollie Hazzard; Lori Brann, and Linda Dugas.

Chair, Ricky Emery opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ricky motioned Frank 2nd to accept the Minutes of October 22, 2024. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:3-0-0.

Payroll and A/P were approved.

Department Heads Report:

Tax Collector and Treasurer, Lynn Boyle reported that we finished phase 1 for the new web design, Trio web will be moving forward next week, and taxes are coming in. Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd, that we remove Wanda Bartlett from the TD and Norway Savings accounts and add Lynn Boyle, Treasurer to those accounts. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:3-0-0.

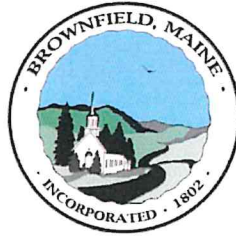
ACO, Cindy Eaton took more stray cats to the shelter.

Fire Chief, Richard Perreault reported woods fire in Hiram, mutual aid with life flight; report of fire on Burnt Meadow; four medical calls; and Girl scouts for fire safety; a friendly reminder to turn clocks back and change your batteries in your fire alarms.

Health Officer William Flynn reported the first safety committee meeting will be on November 12 and training will be on November 19th. He has reached out to Fryeburg and Denmark.

Safety Building Committee, Whit Lucy reported they are still going through the wants and needs list and that they will be taking tours of other fire departments to check them out. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 6.

Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins reported that he is still working on Willy's field of dreams Charlie was supposed to be paving but it's too cold for it; He reached out to Bill about the Beavers; He's working on getting ideas for the bridge that needs to be repaired on Misty Lane.



Rec Director, Willy Tracy reported they wrapped up their soccer season and finished 2nd in the tournament. Had a pumpkin carving event that was a big success, basketball sign ups, and ongoing weekly events.

For the Planning Board, Ricky reported that he and Pam attended the marijuana brief in Oxford. The changes in the State law mean our ordinance needs to be changed. Ricky said he had spoken with Sonia, and she had authorized Joe to speak on her behalf. Joe said they are working on a 4-lot subdivision and on zoning. Working on definitions right now. They had a public hearing for Clean Green to renew their permit. Joe said Sonia Frye is fantastic as the Chairperson. She does a great job.

We had a communication Form, marked complaint submitted by Susan Gagne, to do with fees and charges at the transfer station. Cliff will investigate this. Two other communication forms were submitted by Cindy Walker, one was marked compliment which complimented Lynn Boyle for her leadership, knowledge, accountability and professionalism. The second one was marked concern regarding the town website missing minutes. She said now, some have been replaced in a different location.

The Town will be getting a check for \$98.68 from the Eastern Slope Regional Broadband account.

A trespassing concern after hours at the transfer station, Ricky said it is possibly bow hunters.

Phen Hill project, Cliff reached out to Matt Streeter, and they are still working on it.

The Saco River Corridor Commission water testing results are here. The Board of Selectmen will be meeting with the Friends of Rec 10/30 @ 6:30; The Board is actively working to get into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; Employees health trust is looking at a 9% increase; Dental is a 1% increase and there is a 2.8% increase for Medicare retirees. Ricky is going to have changes in the alarm system and security system in this both the Brownfield Community Center and Town Office. Chalmers provided a statement of values that Ricky wants to know why they are so much lower than our assessed values.

The Selectmen's meeting recessed at approximately 6:10 PM and reconvened for the Informational Meeting with the Town Assessor's at 6:30 PM. Hannah and Bob, tried to explain how they value each property in town with market values. What would a property sell for if it were on the market, also discussed were exemptions, views, sales of properties, and the potential for a view is also considered when determining the value of a property.

Ricky motioned Frank 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Vote unanimous by show of hands. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

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