

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting March 10, 2020

Attendees: Brian Fortier, Lenny Jean, Tom Kelley, Linda Pestilli

5:25pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, William Flynn.

Minutes of March 3rd were approved by Erik; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

WiFi – Erik motioned for Megan to get a WiFi router (up to \$75) to set up a secure network for the town office to be used by municipal employees/board members only; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Citizens petition – The board is in receipt of the following citizens petition:

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Brownfield, in the County of Oxford, State of Maine, do hereby petition the Selectmen of said Town, to insert into the next Town warrant an article on term limits for the office of Selectmen. That article shall read, "The term of Selectmen shall be for three (3) consecutive years, and may be extended for an additional three (3) consecutive years, by vote of the Legislative body to the affirmative vote. After that he or she would be disqualified from holding office of Selectmen for two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms, or six (6) consecutive years"

This article shall take effect immediately after a vote by the Legislative body to the affirmative, or Yes, at said Town Meeting.

After review from the Town's attorney and discussion from the Board, Erik motioned to move to refuse to place the petitioned article regarding term limits, certified by the Town Clerk on March 5, 2020, on the annual town meeting warrant because by requiring the article to take effect immediately, it violates the requirements of 30-A M.R.S. section 2526(4), which requires that any change to the number or term of the Selectmen be determined at a town meeting at least 90 days prior to the annual town meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. The petition was returned to the Town Clerk.

5:43pm Bill motioned to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) Personnel matters. Out of executive session at 5:58pm.

5:58pm Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt