

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting May 11, 2021

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

Attendees: Wanda Bartlett, Deb Merrill, Mike Vane, Dickie Perreault, Judi Tordo

Zoom attendees: Cindy Walker, Cindy Eaton, Savannah Smith, Zach Everett, Whit Lucy, Brian Fortier

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

Rec Department Credit Card – Wanda stated that she spoke with Willy about the issue at True Value and we do actually have an account with them. She also told him that if needed, he could use the town card so that she does not have another account to keep track of with a new card.

Smith Lot – Wanda spoke with the Board about a lot that was recently sold by its previous owner after a tax foreclosure. Ricky motioned to allow the new owner to keep the property providing the back taxes are paid; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Skate Park – Zach stated that it would be easier/less expensive to cover the large crack in the concrete with a new ramp until a more permanent solution can be made. He has already received \$130 in donations, but needs approximately \$1,080 for the project. It would be able to be removed in the winter with the rest of the ramps. Erik motioned to allow up to \$1,000 for new ramp materials; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Warrant – Erik discussed with Wanda the article regarding hiring someone to help with data entry and accounting. The Board and Wanda support the article.

Minutes of May 4th were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Overtime – Bill questioned the overtime that some of the public works employees have been getting, but no one from the department was there to comment.

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Valley Pride Day – Bill stated that Willy did a great job and was very helpful in running Valley Pride Day. We had a better turn out than last year. Erik wanted to personally thank John Whitney for doing the cleanup of the entire Center Conway Road.

Vincent Carbone – Vincent left a note with Wanda that Erik read:

“Would like to see the permaculture project back on the town website. Can’t get the momentum going to make it a reality without the blessing of our selectmen. A committee is started and would like that to be spoken about and in the meeting minutes. Hope to see these mentioned and recorded in tonight’s meeting minutes. #permac”

Erik also cited a letter to Vincent from the Board dated October 30, 2020:

“Due to recent interactions at Board of Selectmen meetings, the Board has unanimously decided to rescind any approval for projects led by you on town property, including the proposed food forest. The Board must be able to openly and effectively discuss projects and ideas, which they do not feel can happen with you at this time.”

Erik that until someone steps forward to tackle the project, including detailed, long-term written plans with a presentation/explanation, there will be no moving forward with this project.

Playground – Bill asked if there had been any contact from Mike Lemons regarding the grant for the playground; Megan nor the Board has heard anything further.

Forest Fire- Dickie reports that Brownfield along with 8 other towns responded to a forest fire on Monday. One firefighter was taken to the hospital; the Board asked Dickie to keep them updated on his condition.

6:28pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Witt