

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting July 12, 2022

Selectmen in Attendance: John Hicks, Rick Emery, Dick Norcross

Attendees: Dana Forcier, Erik Walker, Hailey Boudreau, Richard Perreault, Cristin Perreault, Whit Lucy, Willy Tracy, Patrick Bryant, Mike Vane, Joe Egan, Terry Egan, Lenny Jean, Sonia Frye, Michelle Day, Bruce Collins, Mitch Dondero

Zoom attendees: Cindy Eaton, Cindy Walker, Cindy Willets, John Scot and Esther

5:30 pm the meeting was called to order by Dick Norcross.

Minutes of June 28th were approved by Dick; seconded by Rick. Vote 3-0-0.

Chair Position- Rick made a motion to make Dick chair and John seconded. 3-0-0.

Selectman Pay- Rick made a motion their pay remain the same and Dick seconded. 3-0-0.

Old Home Day – Michelle explained that there were far fewer vendors this year so far and very few parade participants. She also said that this would be her last year organizing the event.

Planning Board- Sonia Frye asked the board their opinions of the planning board and intentions moving forward of working together. Rumors had been circulating that the planning board would be abolished, and it had been formed by a voted in ordinance with elected members.

Mr. Maintenance – The 3 yr. contract is up for renewal and the bid for the cemeteries was also approved at town meeting for \$4545 so a new contract has to be drawn up reflecting this. Will require further discussion.

Newsletter – Deb produced the July edition of the newsletter, and it was read and approved by all three selectmen.

Weapons Policy- There is currently no weapons policy, and it was determined that the town should follow Maine law allowing both permitted and open carry onsite so the town policy remains the same as is reflected in the Personnel Policy Handbook.

ARPA- Rick inquired about the 2nd installment of ARPA funds and Deb replied that the Town had received a letter stating the funds were forthcoming.

Legal Services List- Dick requested a list from Deb of the people permitted to call MMA legal and the selectmen made the necessary corrections to that list which Deb will send into MMA.

Trash Hauling- John made a motion to lower Wally Allen's trash dumping charge to \$150 from \$300 and Rick seconded. 3-0-0. Deb has had inquiries from other commercial trash collectors who pick up the trash of residents and haul it to the transfer station for a fee. She suggested there be a policy put into place to collect from those who do so as the hauling and tipping fees keep going up for the town. Willy brought up that the campgrounds haul in a lot and collect for doing so out of campsite fees.

Public Services Building Project- Dick Perreault spoke about the land purchase and how the existing land and building would become Town property. He stated that only once the department had moved to its new location would ownership be transferred to the Town. Several in the audience asked if there had been any attempt to get costs to adapt the existing structure to one that would serve the present department and its equipment. This had not yet been done but would be a good selling point when the project would go to the Town for a vote to have that figure on hand.

Land Purchase- Patrick Bryant produced a Purchase and Sale agreement for 32 Spring Street where the new Public Services Building would go. It is directly behind the existing Fire Department and would allow access to Spring Street. The selectmen signed the contract.

MSAD 72 Costs- Mitch Dondero spoke about the impact that reassessments have on the mil rate and therefore the school budget. He requested being placed on the July 19th agenda to further discuss this topic.

Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by John. 3-0-0

6:35 PM Dick motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Rick. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Merrill