

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting January 14, 2020

Attendees: Matt Coen, Lenny Jean, Deb Merrill, Dickie Perreault, John Rice, Brian Fortier

5:32pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, William Flynn.

Minutes of January 7th were approved by Bill; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Second Amendment Sanctuary Town – Deb Merrill brought in literature and a proposed draft ordinance for Brownfield to become a second amendment sanctuary town. The BOS would like to know the thoughts of Oxford County Sheriffs office and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine before moving forward.

AgriCycle – Brian states that he has set the totes out for liners; he is unsure if they did that as he has not been back to the transfer station since they came on Monday. The Board would like to look into alternative methods of composting and perhaps have an employee of the DEP come and speak with us at a meeting about composting options at the transfer station.

Salvation Army Drop Boxes – Bill spoke with Mike at the Salvation Army who plans to empty the containers on January 28th as they normally would; providing the weather is good, Brian and PW will move the containers that day to the transfer station. Bill will give the Salvation Army a key to get into the transfer station for Tuesday pick-ups.

CEO/LPI – Mike spoke with Brent Lawson, State LPI, who forwarded him the form to temporarily authorize a non-licensed LPI; Bill signed the form and Megan will forward back to Brent tomorrow. Mike also stated that when out for an inspection, a resident who has been waiting for numerous inspections, was lacking a plumbing permit, even though the resident was under the assumption that everything was in order per the previous CEO. Ricky motioned to waive the plumbing permit fees, considering the circumstances; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Town Meeting Postcards – While going through old Town Reports, Megan found an article from the August 22, 2001 special town meeting stating:

Article 4: To see if the town will vote for all town meetings, be they regularly scheduled or specially called, the selectmen of the town of Brownfield Maine will notify all registered voters and or taxpayers by the US postal service. This is to be done by post cards with all materials, labels, postage, printing etc., to be procured

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solely by the town and to be funded for the remainder of the fiscal year from surplus with funding to be obtained through the normal budgetary process in the following years thereafter. Furthermore, it will be the responsibility of either the selectmen or their assistant in conjunction with the Town Clerk and tax collectors office, to process all notifications to insure accuracy or information and security of mailing.

Article 4 carries as read.

The Board unanimously agrees that this should be done, even though it has not been done in the past. At the 2020 annual town meeting, the board will ask for a show of hands to see how many voters attended because of the post card received. If the effort yielded little response, the following year an article may be written to discontinue the mailings.

6:47pm Erik motioned to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(D) Labor negotiations. Out of executive session at 7:04pm.

7:04pm Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt