

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting August 18, 2020

Attendees: Deb Merrill, Brian Fortier, Dickie Perreault, Mike Vane, Matt Coen

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

Minutes of August 11th were approved by Bill; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Public Works Department - Brian reports that they have painted the truck bodies. They have been ditching and doing regular maintenance until town meeting budget is approved.

Fire Department – Dickie reports during the tropical storm several trees were down. He has done 4 medical assists, 1 vehicle extraction in Denmark, 1 reported explosion at the Coen's gravel pit which ended up being young kids setting off fireworks; no damage was done. All of the radios were reprogrammed last week; they have not been done in 20 years. Hose testing was done in Fryeburg today. Dickie received a gas (propane) meter from Janet Mills because Brownfield did not have a functioning one. Dickie spoke with a resident who would like to get into the BCC to begin Rec activities; Dickie said he did not advise public access to the BCC at this time, and the resident is not currently employed by the Town. Bill asked when the next Fire Department meeting will be; Dickie stated on Labor Day.

Certify copy of Marijuana Ordinance – The Board signed a copy of the Marijuana Establishment Licensing Ordinance for the Planning Board: the public hearing is scheduled for September 15th at 6:00pm. Deb said that the Board of Selectmen will have to set the fee schedule; She plans to get fees from other towns to help the Board make their decision. Bill asked why the Town Clerk was referenced so many times as the one the application will be turned into – Deb stated that that is how the lawyer suggested it be handled, Erik said it is a statutory requirement.

September 8th – The Board of Selectmen will hold their meeting on September 8th, although this day falls after Labor Day and the office will be closed.

EcoMaine contract – Bill is in receipt of the new contract; but has told them that he will not sign the new contract until the budget is approved at annual Town Meeting.

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Resident letter –The Board of Selectmen are in receipt of a letter from a resident stating that he is concerned he is going to be unable to pay his taxes if they continue to increase. He suggests that the Town places wind turbines on Stone Mountain to offset the cost of electricity for resident over “a certain age” of Brownfield. Bill suggests we reply that this has historically never been an issue and we do not own the land on Stone Mountain, nor do we plan to purchase it, and include the Legislature regarding “An Act to Protect the Elderly from Tax Lien Foreclosures”

Sunshine backpack program – The Board of Selectmen and the Fire Chief agree that the Sunshine Backpack program may continue to operate from the BCC, providing it is not opened to the public.

Transfer Station Roof - Chad Adams from Adams construction plans to come Saturday to look at the roof and give an estimate for repair/replacement of the TS roof. We have received the insurance check.

Saturday hours – Bill suggests that the office reopens for Saturdays beginning September 5th; the Board agrees.

Truck Bid – Brian reports that the Town of Jackson has an AWD truck that is coming up for bid (minimum \$25k bid); Brian said that he believes he has that amount in the CI account. The Board suggested waiting until after Town Meeting to make any decisions.

Camper trailers – Mike suggested an update to the Land Use Ordinance, as it is currently written leaves a lot of room for interpretation – It will be presented to the Planning Board before being brought to the Town for vote.

TS Compactors – Bill suggested that after Town meeting discuss rebuilding the compactors and Erik suggesting potentially adding another compactor.

Banking – Megan reached out to Norway Savings and Peoples bank; She has provided them with as much information as she could, and gave them Wanda’s contact information to obtain the rest of the information they would need to provide us with a bid offer for services. Bangor Savings would like to discuss what they can do to continue to have our business.

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Tax Assessment Certificates – Bill asked if there was an update from RHR Smith regarding the discrepancies in the tax assessment certificates; Megan will reach out to Ron for an update.

Saco River Recreation Council – The meeting on August 14th was held at the Town Office; no law enforcement was present. Bob T suggested that everyone reach out to the Sheriffs department to express their concerns with public safety. They are hoping to have another meeting to with Law Enforcement present before the end of the season.

Zoning Committee – Deb stated that she spoke with Sonia regarding setting up a sub-committee for zoning who would present their work to the planning board. Because the Planning Board has so much business they are facing now, they are not making much headway on zoning. Erik stated that it would be a sub-committee for the Planning Board so they would be the ones to designate the committee.

6:22pm Erik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt