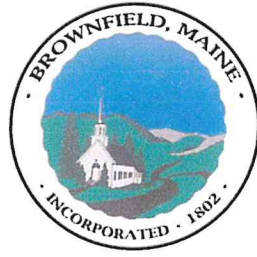


TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting October 18, 2022 Minutes

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross and Rick Emery. John Hicks was representing Brownfield at the Oxford County Commissioner's meeting.

Attendees: Fire Chief Richard Perreault; Joe Egan; Dana Forcier; Hailey Boudreau; Rec Director, Willy Tracy; Patrick Bryant; Sonia Frye; Cindy Walker; Erik Walker; Frank Day; Steve Booker; Lois Bowden; Whit Lucy; Mitchell Dondero; Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Vane; Judi Tordo; Matt Coen and Pam Thomas.

At 5:35 PM the meeting was called to order by Dick Norcross.

Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants were signed.

Minutes: The Minutes of September 20, 2022 and September 27, 2022 were approved.

There was no workshop on October 12th to set the tax rate so there was nothing to report.

Sonia Frye discussed the Road Standards that the planning board is proposing for the town. Dick stated concerns that standards like this might work for a larger town but might be more than this town can afford. Joe Egan said they are presenting suggestions for uniform standards so the town doesn't have to go back. He said they didn't change them.

Sonia Frye presented Deb Merrill's resignation from the planning board effective immediately to the Board of Selectmen. She also recommends Erik Walker to fill the vacancy. Dana Forcier volunteered also for the vacancy. Dick said they will not be voting tonight because John is not present.

In discussion on the Comp Plan, Joe Egan provided a quote from Minute Man Press for 100 black and white copies to be printed at a cost of \$783.84. Bill Flynn might be the moderator of the informational meetings if the dates work. Michelle can run the ads. Joe said major plans can be made to the plan but require more time where minor revisions may not. The Comprehensive plan committee will have two informational meetings: Wed, October 26 and Mon, November 14th to hear what people have to say.

Joe was provided with copies of the e-mails he requested.

Patrick Bryant invited everyone to an informational meeting tomorrow night at Molly Ockett at 6:00 PM. Dick expressed concern about the feasibility of Broadband. The Board has a workshop tomorrow night to set the tax rate but will try to go if they can.

Dickie reported that his car broke down and asked about the status of a survey. It was reported that Bliss has been called. The Firemen's Muster did well again this year at the fair.

Willy reported that they are rounding out soccer games; basketball sign up will be after Halloween; and the Rec is sponsoring a fun event with pumpkin carving, free dinner, and a free band. He reported that the Home Depot credit card was declined when he went to purchase some paint.

Mike Vane said he has nothing new to report, that things are starting to slow down. We did have the State Plumbing Inspector in town recently.

Cindy Walker asked why there is no zoom. The internet would not connect. Sonia Frye was kind enough to try to help and I tried several times to no avail.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant

Selectmen's Workshop – for Setting Tax Rate October 19, 2022

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

Other Attendees: Town Assessor, Bob Konczal; Carrie Garland, Dana Forcier, and Hailey Boudreau.

Bob Konczal discussed 3 options for setting the tax rate:

Workshop opened at 6:05 PM

\$16.85 would give an overlay amount of \$47,463.73

\$16.80 would give an overlay amount of \$37,090.46

\$16.75 would give an overlay amount of \$26,718.18

The Board agreed that it is a rough year and chose the lowest rate they could.

Selectmen's Workshop – for Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband update October 20, 2022

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

Other Attendees: Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband representative Patrick Bryant; Jamie Ritter; Erick Guildbrandsen; Erik Walker; Cindy Walker; and Ada Lane.

Workshop opened at 5:35 PM

Patrick Bryant for ESRB gave an overview of what they have been doing and why they requested this meeting tonight.

Deadline is March 1st 2023 to apply for a grant and they need to prepare now to meet that deadline.

They have 4 options that the town could consider:

Option 1: Vendor owned

Option 2: Town/Vendor Leased Ownership

Option 3. Interlocal Agreement

Option 4. Wholesale option

Information on the maps reviewed came from E911 data. They plan a finish date for the maps of 10/31.

He reviewed and explained area maps and explained that Communications, Community Outreach at the local level, the need for extension of MOA (memorandum of agreement) beyond 12/31/22. Interlocal agreements may be needed. The timeline and spring grant window deadline is 10/19 Selectboard group update; 1/31 local Selectboard meeting with approval of final warrant; 2/3 send to Bridgton news; 2/9 warrant posted in paper; 2/10 final warrant posted locally in normal places; 2/16 posted in paper again; 2/18 Special town meetings.

In closing they requested one selectboard member to attend their meetings going forward; put on Selectboard agendas going forward; they need 1 selectboard member to help drive due dates and agreement builds 10/26/22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day
Administrative Assistant