

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

### **FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

### **MINUTES**

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross and Frank Day. John Hick was absent.

Attendees: Dana Forcier; Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Brian Merrill; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Dan Larson; Tiffany Caswell; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Vane; Chad Pine; Whit Lucy; Bruce Collins; Joe Egan; Faralyn Chapman, Lynn Boyle; Vincent Lanovara; Terry and Jean Blake. Zoom: 1953 and Cristin Perreault. Absent were: Administrative Assistant, Alvina Day and Rec Director, Willy Tracy.

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Frank motioned, Dick second to accept the Minutes of January 30, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

Payroll and Accounts Payable have been approved.

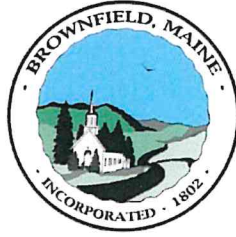
Vinny Lanovara talked about how hard it is to hear people at public hearings and town meeting, he suggests that we look into having someone check out installing a public address system. Cindy Eaton suggests using microphones.

Fire Chief, Dicky Perreault reported mutual aid in Fryeburg, Denmark, and Snowmobile rescues. He asked about the Building Committee and Dick suggested 2/22 at 6:00 PM. The insurance company has been notified about damage to a fire truck and the firehouse.

Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Vane reported attending the public land use hearing.

Public Works, Cliff Cousins said he met with safety works in regards to where they are with equipment and training. Frank asked how his budget is doing. Dick suggested roads to be posted on Thursday with effective date for Monday.

Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton reported that a dog had been dropped off in another town. She gave the dog to someone that knew it and she waived the fee. She said she thinks the shelter did also. The State Animal Welfare is having her take training. So far, she has taken conflict of events, animal cruelty and domestic abuse. It protects everyone involved in a case.



There was a brief discussion over the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Steering Committee requesting a date for them to provide their first quarterly update. Dick suggested and it was agreed to meet with them on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

In response to a request from Calista Cross to meet with the Board to discuss naming a bridge after our veterans and to discuss Honor Flight Maine which helps our Veterans to go on a free trip to DC to see the memorials, Dick suggested and Frank agreed for her to come to their March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Spectrum Franchise is still pending. Dick reported that Zack has sent back his answers. Dick will attend the meeting if they have one tomorrow night.

Whit Lucy reported that there were two names removed and one added (Chad) to/from the Appeals Board listing Dawn Wentworth and Erik Walker. Whit said that Dawn is still on the Board so he doesn't know what happened that caused that. He suggests that although there are no cases pending it would be good to let people know there are openings and ask people to let us know if they are interested. Bruce suggested now is the time to advertise. Dick said he would have it put on the web page.

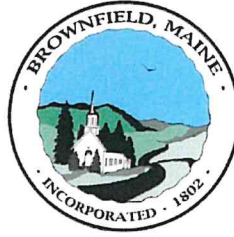
There was a brief discussion on reinstating a purchase order system again. Dick asked what Frank thought of it when he used it. Franks response that he liked it because he knew items charged would come out of the right account. Dick suggested waiting for John to come back.

Frank reported on a complaint we received from a pickup truck driving through the Bridge and claimed that the Town plow truck struck and broke their mirror. The driver of the pickup did not stop and Cliff said the driver was on the sidewalk.

Frank reported they have the Agenda for MSAD #72 School Board, February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Frank reported that Zack is leaving Bern Stein Shur on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He has suggested Attorney Mary Costigan, also in their firm.

After a brief discussion, there has not been a date set for the next Employee Safety Meeting. Dick said they will look into it, as it is usually on a Wednesday morning at 8:00AM. Dicky suggested that only the department heads need to attend, not all employees.



Frank asked Cliff to report on a quote from HP Fairfield and he said that he received a quote from Western Star for \$302,000 and the quote from HP Fairfield was \$309,440. For future discussion and planning.

Frank stated in concern of hauling our own trash, we will need two closed containers, Cliff provided a quote from Wastequip for a closed container for a compactor \$10,350.00 delivered. Our trucking right now is through North Conway Incinerator for \$320.00 per load. Pine State Disposal quoted \$475-\$500 and CIA quote is \$247.10. Dick said we own the contract through ECO Maine. This is just for prices and discussion only right now as we would need to figure in the cost of a truck and who would drive it. Frank said ECO Maine charges for our solid waste is \$81.74 per ton tipping fee and recycling is \$108.73. Berlin is \$72.00 a ton and they take everything. Bruce asked if they take tires? Discussion ensued. Frank is looking into prices for open and closed containers and will be looking at further ideas as well.

Bruce explained that he doesn't think the Planning Board realizes that a Public Hearing should be the last step not the first.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant