

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

MINUTES

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross, John Hicks and Frank Day.

Attendees: Dana Forcier, Jr; Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Brian Merrill; Vinny Lanovara; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Dan Larson; Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Vane; Tiffany Caswell; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Chad Pine; Barbara Moulton; Stephen Nutting; Whit Lucy; Bruce Collins; Teresa Egan; Jess Davis; Joe Egan; Wanda Allen; Sooz Eland; Alice Fitzgerald; Terry Lochhead; and Hailey Boudreau. Zoom: Cristin's iPad; Lanie Buskins iPad; Gabe's iPad; Kathleen's iPad; & Kathleen Condon.

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

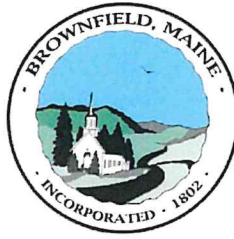
Dick motioned, John second to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

John motioned, Frank second to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

Payroll and Accounts Payable have been approved.

Dick asked Brian if he wants to talk about the barking dog issue. Brian said he is disappointed by the way the Board of Selectmen have passed this off. Brian stated that he is concerned with the constant barking. That issue may be corrected by the bark collars.

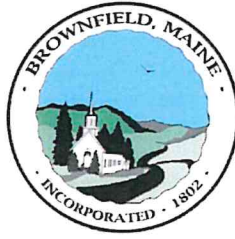
Steve Nutting, Chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee presented a document dated February 2024 and said basically there are two documents here. That pages one and two are a summary of things that have happened in town. He read, "The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee reviews the suggestions laid out as goals and strategies in each chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, and then determines if a strategy is timely and will have a value for the town. In many cases, strategies are already being acted upon by various town residents/groups who are devoted to the town of Brownfield, and are willing to volunteer their time and energy to the town. As the subcommittees deem necessary, the Steering Committee will bring the conversation to the appropriate board, department head, or to the Select Board when appropriate, for their consideration. If it is determined to have a value to the Town at that time, then the



recommendation may be acted upon.” Steve explained the document is written in a strategy, goal and implementation form. There is one correction on page 11 is the Chapter “Existing and Future Land Use.” Wanda Allen asked if this is something people can volunteer for and Steve said, “absolutely.” Bruce Collins asked, are you planning on rewriting our ordinances, land use? Steve said, no that is a chapter in the plan. He said that would be up to the Planning Board or Selectmen. Bruce also asked if anyone has done a cost analysis on what this is going to cost the Town? Steve said they do not get involved with lawyers and Dick said there will be a yearly cost. Sooz said the Comp Plan is just suggestions. Sooz and Vinny said anything that is going to cost will have to be voted for. A motion was made by John and also retracted after some discussion on the Comp Plan Committee, Implementation Committee and the Steering Committees. Brian Merrill said that the Board should be happy to have volunteers willing to serve. Chad Pine, without a plan how can we continue to grow as a town? Steve said the topics in every chapter were mandated by the State and they have to look at every issue in every chapter and part of the plan included an Implementation Committee. Bruce suggests to focus more on the Planning Board because they have to approve it. Terry Egan said the Board of Selectmen appointed the Implementation Committee on June 27, 2023, not everything has to go before the Planning Board. Dana Forcier said that it is only a plan. Vinny Lanovara suggests that since there is no Comprehensive Plan Committee, the Implementation Committee would need to go before the Budget Committee. Dana Forcier questioned donations to the Comprehensive Plan, Terry Egan said, no.

Jess Davis provided information she printed off from www.brownfieldcemeteries.com that shows the cemeteries in the town. We have 150 stones to be repaired of which are 15 veteran stones. She said they are doing an amazing job with the maintenance now. Dick asked that they do veteran stones first. The document shows Arthur’s Memorials will reset a monument for \$200 and the cost for a tablet reset by Jess is between \$100-\$150. Frank thanked Jess for coming in and the work she has done.

Wanda Allen discussed the status of Broad Band. Dick said the franchise agreement has gone to each town and only one town has signed it, so far. Wanda said she has done a lot of research on this and asked to speak on the effects of Wi-Fi radiation on the environment and said that you can’t see it. She doesn’t want to take away Broadband or cell towers. A small cell can only emit so far, so they put them on telephone poles & cut down trees. Some problems caused are psychological problems, suicide, and sleep disorders. She said fiber optic radiation is held in the ground. Dick said that every town in the seven-town group is going fiber optic and that Byers Construction were counting poles



and checking the height. She talked about the cell tower on Pease Lane. Bruce said it was approved twenty years ago, that we have an ordinance. Dick said there is nothing in the paperwork that talks about hibernation. Steve asked Dick to explain, Dick said it is Charter/Spectrum, a sixty-page contract that is Federally funded. Dick said it is mostly a boiler plate agreement. Vinny suggested that anyone could come in to read it. Discussion ensued.

Vinny Lanovara presented the Board with a formal request titled, "Debarment Ordinance."

Treasurer, Wanda Bartlett's request to take \$2,975.09 out of the Contingency Fund to ratify the Comprehensive Plan Committee spending was voted unanimously by a show of hands.

Dick made a motion, John second to have Dick sign the Amendment to Agreement for engineering for Phen Hill Road Stream Crossing, Brownfield Maine. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

Frank made a motion, Dick second to spend up to \$2,000 to replace the Bookkeeper's computer. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

An e-mail on Road fundamentals was provided for Public Works Director.

Town Clerk, Michelle Day provided an update on the members on the Board of Appeals. Deborah Tait and Steve Booker are interested in serving.

E-mail from Zack, Bern Stein Shur concerning R1-11-B for back taxes and the owner. Zack recommends to keep it on the books until it has been determined.

Dick said Dana Forcier sent him a message from marketplace for \$60,000 for scales at the transfer station. Bruce Collins also provided a fee schedule from Tri Town; Crystal Labbe wants to meet to discuss insurances, Alvina was instructed to reach out to her to see what she is requesting; The newsletter for Mountain Division Alliance is on file; CMP will be conducting tree work in 2024 in Brownfield; The next safety meeting will be on March 6 at 8:00 AM Alice Fitzgerald presented a monument and thanked the town for their support of the Dog Sled event. Dicky reported on a structure fire in Denmark with one of our seasoned firefighters had a cardio event. Three stints were put in and open-heart surgery will be on Thursday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant