

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting July 20, 2021

Selectmen in Attendance: William Flynn, Ricky Emery, Richard Norcross

Attendees: Deb Merrill, Dickie Perreault, Cliff Cousins, Mike Vane, Dan Molloy, Stuart Smith, Vicki Duggan, Jim Duggan

Zoom attendees: Brian Fortier, Cindy Eaton, Esther Walker

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

Minutes of July 13th were approved by Bill; seconded by Dick. Vote 3-0-0.

Public Works Department – Cliff reports he is waiting on two dig safe permits to replace culverts. Paving of Old County Rd and Sam Brown Hill Rd will begin soon. They will be working on grading the gravel roads once the rain has stopped.

Fire Department – Dickie reports 9 medical assists, 3 mutual aid calls, 3 fire/smoke calls, 1 child locked in a vehicle, and an appliance fire. He recently did training with Denmark and Hiram. The cleanup on Pig Street is still in progress; they have gotten a large dumpster. Dickie has been busy with E-911 addresses. Dickie is getting a price for a new antenna for the Town Office radio.

CEO Complaint – Mike has received two verbal and now a written complaint about a potential illegal pit on Old County Road. Mike has not been able to access the property because it is posted; Dickie said that he has the authority to go on any property, even if it is posted. Ricky asked Dickie to provide the statute that allows him that access and forward it to Megan to have on file. Ricky asked Dickie to document any findings after he goes to the property. Deb stated that MSHAW is the “pit police” and they would be the ones to call; Dick said he is familiar with them so would contact them.

Remote Meeting Policy – The legislature that has allowed remote board participation for meetings has changed; a municipality is now required to adopt a policy to allow such meetings. MMA has provided a sample policy – Megan will forward to the attorney for approval before enactment by the Selectmen.

Appeals Case – The Planning Board recently denied a land owner permission to build a second dwelling on their property, as it does not meet the minimum acreage requirement in the Land Use Ordinance. The property owner has requested to go before the appeals board. There are at least two vacancies on the appeals board that must be filled before it can be reviewed.

Liquor License – A catering company has applied for a 1-day liquor license at the HIVE on Merrill Corner Road. The Board was reluctant to sign given the disorderly building issues we are currently dealing with at that location. The Board asked Megan to forward it to the attorney for review and advice prior to making a decision.

Building Committee – Ricky stated that he has several people he has already spoken with and has a few others in mind to ask about being on the committee to research a potential new community building.

Facebook Issues – Bill motioned to post the verbiage provided by the town’s attorney on the brownfieldmaine.org website, stating that the Town has no involvement with these Facebook pages or the advertised Brownfield Old Home Days; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

6:25pm Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt