

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting April 21, 2020

Phone conference attendees: Dickie Perreault

Selectmen in attendance: William Flynn, Erik Walker, Ricky Emery

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

Minutes of April 14th were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Fire Department – Dickie reports 2 medical calls, 1 mutual aid and a grass fire on 113. He has over 100 face masks being made, and has face shields. The lease company for the fire truck has given him the financial information to be able to put in the warrant for town meeting.

Public Works Department – Brian reports they have started setting up poles at the Sam Brown Hill Road bridge and anticipate starting the work on May 4th. They have been grading and adding gravel to the dirt roads in town. The annual DEP report is almost finished.

Burnt Meadow Hiking Trail – Since closing the hiking trail, people have been moving the cones/tape/signs and still using the trail. Public Works has dumped two loads of sand and placed 2 barriers to prevent people from using the trail. The Board asked Megan to draft a letter to the landowner asking if we can use the two loads of sand to improve the parking area to allow more vehicle access and eliminate parking on the side of Route 160.

Computer Replacement – Megan asked about using the money that is currently in the computer replacement account to be able to purchase some new computers and reduce the computer replacement line item in at town meeting, to get the entire office up to date. She will provide the Board with solid numbers at next week's meeting, so they are able to make a decision.

EcoMaine – Bill has spoken with Lissa from EcoMaine, who said that the contract terms we had previously questioned was for our MSW contract, not our recycling contract. She hopes to have more solid numbers in the coming weeks and will provide those to Bill when she has them.

Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance – The Board is in receipt of a proposed adult use marijuana ordinance. The Board has elected to pass the ordinance over to the Town's attorney and the Planning Board.

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Valley Pride Day – Although most towns will only have contact free pick up, Brownfield will still have a table set up to sign up/get bags the morning of May 2nd. If residents prefer to get bags ahead of time, they can do so by contacting Megan.

Animal Control complaint – Erik stated that he has received a few complaints about a house on Main Street that is throwing dog feces into the road. Megan will contact Cindy to investigate the claim.

Taxpayer email – The board received an email from a taxpayer who asked:

“would it be a good idea to request all department heads such as Fire Chief, Public Works, CEO, Treasurer/Tax Collector, Health officer and Animal Control Officer to complete a monthly report the week prior to said meeting that covers where their department stands financially, issues/concerns, projects, etc. Then the Selectmen would be prepared that Tuesday if they had questions for any of these department heads. It would also allow the Selectmen and taxpayers to see where the town is performing well and where we need some improvements as the year goes on. This would make taxpayers more informed when voting on elected officials and at town meeting.”

Ricky would like to try this for two months to see how it works; Megan will reach out to all departments to let them know.

6:20pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt