

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting May 24, 2022

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

Attendees: Dana Forcier, Erik Walker, Mike Vane, Matt Coen, Richard Perreault, Vinny Lanovara
Whit Lucy, Deb Tait, Joe Egan and Robert Konczal

Zoom attendees: Steve Booker, Cindy Eaton and Cindy Walker

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

Minutes of May 17th were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 2-0-0.

Vinny Lanovara- Mr. Lanovara wanted to bring to the town's attention the fact that the remaining stumps in front of the rec center were a danger to children or pedestrians. He was informed that Matt Coen would be pulling the stumps the following day. He also did not feel that the town should have a sign on its property advertising high speed internet but as that is not a political sign, nor is it an article that the citizens would be voting on. Political signage needs to be 250 ft from the building where voting poles are.

Rec Center Trees – Now that the rec center trees are gone and many in town are missing them, Matt Coen offered to pull the stumps at no charge and supply loam and seed so that the front lawn is more appealing. He suggested that a reader board be placed there and the rec director would like to replant hardwood trees as soon as possible.

Shed for sale– A shed is available that the town is considering buying for the ball field. Dana Forcier brought in the original bill of sale showing the value of the structure.

Town Valuation – Bob Konczal from Atlantic Valuation Services presented several courses of action to the board and explained that he had examined town records with Mike Vane, CEO, also agreeing that much building has been done in the twenty plus years since the last valuation was performed without permits. By taking a physical inventory, the playing field is leveled and property tax mil rate would go down. A question was raised concerning how the town would deal

with properties that had not obtained building permits and it was suggested that those properties just be taxed on what was currently there instead of the usual double permit fee charge.

Safety Report – There was discussion about making all the changes brought out during the safety walk with Dick Perreault the Fire Chief and the lady from Safety Works. Part of that requires proper posting of signage and all infractions written up will be addressed. Public Works will be installing shelving in the town office basement for files and other items.

Property on Pig Street – Mike Vane explained that the failed septic system at #33 Pig Street will be the responsibility of the town if the heirs do not step in and rectify the situation. 4 letters to the owners have been sent certified. The State has strict laws regarding failed systems so the next step is to have the site evaluated and a plan drawn up.

Rec Center Proposals – Willy would like to see the side gardens cleaned up and produced a quote from Heart and Hand to do that. He also had a quote to paint the building and requested that an electric hot water heater be purchased because when the furnace is not running, there is no hot water in the building. A swim instructor has been hired, doors have been purchased for the gym and tread mats have been ordered for the entry way hall. Willy was to also contact a former director over issues there have been with Facebook pages and donation pages.

Safety Committee Meeting– Bill set up the next safety committee meeting for June 7th at 5:00 PM. He also stated that 100 GA pamphlets would be coming to the town free of charge.

Speed Sign Update– Dickie Perreault has the speed sign mounted on a trailer and needs 4 jacks to complete the install. It was discussed how to obtain jacks that would do the job so we can start gathering data from the sign.

Article 60 – The amount of money being asked to transfer from the General Fund/Surplus to offset the tax rate of \$750,000 was lowered to \$325,000 with the remaining \$125,000 to go to a gravel article for dirt road improvements with Dick making the motion and Rick seconding 3-0-0. Also the entire warrant report articles were agreed to be final with Rick making the motion and Bill seconding. 3-0-0

6:40 pm Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Merrill