

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting November 24, 2020

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

Attendees: Mike Vane, Matt Coen, Deb Merrill, Brian Fortier, Lenny Jean, Michelle Day, Judi Tordo, Mitch Dondero, Sonia Frye

Zoom attendees: Cindy Walker, Cindy Eaton, Matthew Dubois, Dick Norcross, Ada Lane, Alvina/Frank Day

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

Bill stated that the Selectmen have discretion as to the public speaking during board meetings and they do not need to give up control of a meeting due to interruptions from disruptive individuals. Bill motioned that once the meeting has been called to order, the selectman will discuss and perhaps vote on agenda items; unless the selectmen ask questions of the people in attendance, the discussion will be amongst the selectmen only. Once the selectmen have completed all the items for discussion, they may, if time permits, call for questions and/or comments from the audience. The motion was seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Minutes of November 16th were approved by Bill; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Christmas Tree Lighting – Due to COVID, there will not be a public event for the tree lighting ceremony this year. Michelle and Megan will light the tree at the end of the work day on December 1st and will post a video of the tree lighting on the town's website.

Marijuana fees – There was discussion regarding an email that was sent to the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen asking to reconsider the fee schedule that the planning board had proposed from an interested resident's attorney. Erik motioned to accept the fee schedule as written; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. The Board signed a copy of the fee schedule effective December 3, 2020.

Computer replacement – Erik motioned to spend up to \$4,520 from the computer replacement account and up to \$2,850 from the computer maintenance budget to complete the system upgrade that was started earlier this year; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Municipal fiscal survey – Erik asked Megan to complete the survey that was emailed to Bill by the deadline of December 14th.

Community Center Boiler – Brian stated that Brian McGrath had done a site visit and is waiting on a bid. B&L Oil will be coming on Monday and Dead River Company will be coming on Tuesday to gather information to provide a bid for replacement. Mike will be meeting one of his reps on Tuesday also. The chimney is cracked and unusable as it is. Mike also found many leaks in the piping when he was winterizing the system.

Planning Board Attorney – Bill asked if the Planning Board had thoughts on who they may use as an alternate attorney if the need arose from the resident that would be a conflict of interest for DrummondWoodsum. Erik stated that he would recommend Hastings Malia to the planning board.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meetings – Jane Anderson, Chair of the CPC, reached out to Bill to ask if the committee could use the town office for their meetings. The Board unanimously decided that they would permit the use of the town office for their meetings. Megan will coordinate a key and the alarm code for Jane.

Title Search – Erik motioned for the assessor to spend up to \$400 from legal to have a title search performed on a property with an unknown owner; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Office Hours – The town office will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after but will be open on Saturday the 28th from 8-11. The Board will speak with Michelle and Wanda regarding the Saturday after Christmas and if the office will be open or not.

Budget Committee – The Board signed nomination papers for Lenny Jean to fill a vacant seat on the budget committee.

Matt Coen – Matt expressed concerns regarding a recent payment from an invoice submitted by Heart and Hand. Matt stated that he understood that the post office placed the check in the wrong PO box, but the date stamp on the envelope was about 2 weeks after the date on the check. He asked about accountability of our elected officials and expressed concern that there was none because of their elected status. He informed the board of a long FOAA request that he would be submitting on multiple areas that he would like more information on. He asked about a SOP regarding payable and other areas; Erik stated that the only way a job description above the state mandates or SOP's for elected officials could be obtained would be by a vote of the town at town meeting or via referendum. Matt asked why all of the issues he asked about were never brought to a news channel.

Metal container – Brian stated that it will cost about \$2,500 in metal to repair the old metal can to use as an overflow container. Ricky motioned to spend up to \$2,700 from the transfer station reserve account to repair the can; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Plow – Brian asked about purchasing a reversible plow for one of the trucks to cut down on plow time. The cost would be \$4-5k for a new plow. The Board requested time to think about it.

Planning Board – Sonia came in during the last part of the meeting and requested that the planning board shares an email they received from a residents attorney regarding the marijuana fee schedule – Erik told her that they were in receipt of the email and had already discussed it prior in the meeting and the fee schedule had been approved as the planning board presented it.

Judi Tordo – Judi asked that all people in public spaces wear masks per the Governors mandate.

7:02pm Erik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Witt