



SELECTMEN'S MEETING
APRIL 4, 2023
MINUTES

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross, Ricky Emery, and John Hicks

Attendees: Chad Pine; Tax Collector, Wanda Bartlett; Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Frank Day; Rec Director, Willy Tracy; Dan Larson; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Steve Booker; Patrick Bryant; and Vinny Lanovara. Zoom attendee: Hd (Zoom was strictly audio)

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

Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants were approved.

Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting were approved with a slight change. Unanimous vote by a show of hands.

Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton reported she's been busy chasing dogs around and getting them back home again.

Fire Chief, Richard Perreault reported on an accident today. The department has been busy, engine 2 battery charger let go and there is an oil leak in the 2008.

Rec Director, Willy Tracy reported to thank the Board for the net in the gym, they had their first Brownfield Days meeting and are looking for a town theme for Brownfield Days. They had a Rec meeting, as well. They will have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, rain or shine. They have a boy and girl bike drawing. On May 6 fund raiser dinner and it's Valley Pride Day, Friends of Rec are hosting a yard sale the same day. They have yoga, open gym, and a play group is going on. There is another broken window at the Community Center. They put a feeler out for a summer camp, with a big response and would like to put it in the budget for next year 2024 summer "camp' junior guide/outdoor program will be run 8 hours a day, 3 days a week for six weeks, will run opposite days to the swim program. For supplies and, salary counselors it will cost \$12,944. They will do a trial run this summer with the Friends of Rec.

Patrick Bryant reported that the broadband grant has to go back and rewrite, they can not say exactly what they will need for money at this time. They are also looking at forming a utility

district to support all seven towns. Rick asked what would happen if the district fails and Patrick said that you would fold it up and sell it off. He said there are a number of ways this could shake out. They are looking at costs as they are today and it looks like it could be a moneymaking process. At this time, he doesn't have a dollar amount and we may be looking at a special town meeting. He told Willy that they will be interested in participating with Brownfield Days. The Me Connectivity rejection is disappointing but they are looking for millions and millions of free dollars. He invites everyone to come join them. They have started interviewing people and want to do more, Terry Lockhead has done an amazing job with communication.

Ricky read a motion to schedule and post a public meeting of the Board of Selectmen on April 13, 2023 at 9:AM at the offices of Kelly, Rimmel & Zimmerman, 53 Exchange Street, Portland, Maine for the purpose of meeting with the Town Attorney to participate in the alternative dispute resolution conference required by Rule 16B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, with respect to the matter of Merrill v. Town of Brownfield, Oxford County Superior Court Docket No. AP-22-04, and to conduct an executive session concerning said pending litigation matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S. section 405 (6) (E). Dick second and voted unanimous by a show of hands.

There was a brief discussion on the draft warrant for town meeting, final draft must be ready by April 14th.

Dicky Perreault reported that the generator for the Public Works Garage is coming in under budget.

Chad Pine reported that there was a tree across the road and wondered what are they supposed to do? Dicky Perreault responded that they want people to call 911 and the Fire Department will respond.

Vinny Lanovara was asked and he agreed to provide Alvina a key to the Budget Committee File Cabinet.

The correspondence file was reviewed and the Planning Board provided information that Ben McCall will come to discuss LD2003 meeting with Ben McCall.

At 6:08 PM Ricky made a motion, Dick seconded to enter into an executive session per the request of the Rec Director concerning a personnel matter per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A). Vote was unanimous by a show of hands. At 6:32 PM Dick closed the executive session.

Dick motioned, Ricky seconded to pay the Rec Director, Willy Tracy \$18.00 an hour. Vote was unanimous by a show of hands.

This meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day
Administrative Assistant