

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 21, 2024

MINUTES

Selectmen in Attendance: Dick Norcross, John Hicks and Frank Day.

Attendees: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Dana Forcier, Jr.; Vincent Lanovara; Deborah Tait; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Tiffany Caswell; Vincent Carbone; Terry Egan; Sooz Eland, Whit Lucy; Dan Larson; Bruce Collins, Barbara Moulton; Treasurer, Wanda Bartlett; Assessors Robert Konczal and Hannah Hutchinson. Zoom: Cristin's iPad.

Chairman, Dick Norcross called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and called for a Pledge of Allegiance.

John motioned, Frank second to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

Payroll (and Accounts Payable) have been approved.

Frank apologized to Terry Egan for questioning her on the trees that were planted at the Community Center, saying he read the Minutes and it was in there. She said thanks and she appreciated it.

Wanda reported the Auditors will be in the week of the 3rd (June) to finish out the '22 and '23. She had questions for the Assessors but the information is in the system and just not transferred yet but she can get the information individually.

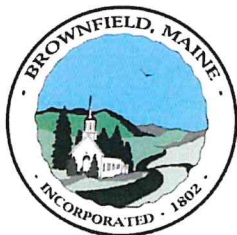
Robert Konczal reported that the re-val has been completed and they have revised valuations accordingly. He expects to see a pretty substantial drop in the tax rate. Bruce asked about tax relief for seniors but the state has stopped the program and now it will go through your income taxes. Hannah said there is nothing for this year but in 2025 it will go through the income taxes.

Cliff has information from Peter Coughlan for Maine Infrastructure Adaption Fund and for the Municipal Stream Crossing form needs to be signed and sent back by July 1 if the Town wants to receive the grant.

Oxford County assessed the County Tax for Brownfield at \$268,597 to be paid before the first day of September.

Lake Stewards of Maine request \$500 from Brownfield to monitor Lakes throughout the State.

Terry Egan provided a copy of the Brownfield Newsletter and that they want to start a Conservation Club to weed, cleanup, and plant in front of the Town Office.



Frank asked Terry about Joe's request for 300 copies of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee's work and learned that it is a request for actually 900 pages (300 for each place. Bruce asked whether this committee has been appointed by the Planning Board yet and they have not. Alvina will e-mail the Planning Board and copy the Board of Selectmen so everyone knows what is being said.

We still have not received an answer from Matt Randall in regards to whether Randy has a farm or just farm animals.

Alvina mentioned in regards to the newsletter that it is eight pages with color, Dick said they will have to see what we have left on our contract. Alvina asked Terry about the fact that there is no interview for Heather Brown who is running for Town Clerk. Terry explained that the interviews are just for Selectpersons and that they feature people of interest not just people who are running for a position. Alvina also reminded them that Wanda and Michelle are not even mentioned in the newsletter as a thank you for their many years of service to the town. Terry said this is a quarterly newsletter and is done for this time. Anyone could have contributed ideas, stories or articles.

Frank asked Cliff if he could sweep the front of the Historical Society and Dick asked for the intersections to be swept as well. Frank stated that Buddy did an excellent job grading Dugway.

Vinny Carbone said that he plans to plant some fruit trees on Thursday after the Community Coffee hour.

Dick reminded everyone that the School Budget Meeting is tomorrow night.

John motioned, Frank second to adjourn. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant