

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD



Selectmen's Meeting June 7, 2022

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

Attendees: Chad Pine, Dana Forcier, Erik Walker, Mike Vane, Carrie Garland, Richard Perreault, Whit Lucy, Joe Egan and Willy Tracy

Zoom attendees: Cindy Eaton

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

Minutes of May 24th were approved by Bill; seconded by Dick. Vote 2-0-0.

General Announcements – The selectboard will not meet the week of elections. Sharon Jackson and/or Ron Smith will be in to discuss the audit this week, and Meadowlark is to continue cleaning both the rec center and town office.

Moderator for Town Meeting – Norman Blake has agreed to moderate Town meeting. He has 30 years of experience and is not from Brownfield.

Shed for sale– The shed being offered for sale to the town for \$4000 by Dana Forcier was bought for the ball field. The motion was made by Bill and Rick second- to be taken from the ARPA account. Dana Forcier brought in the original bill of sale showing the value of the structure. Rick and Dick will move it onto the field behind the tennis courts and next to the playground. It will be used for team equipment.

Rec Center donated monies – Willy Tracy explained what he knows about the Facebook accounts set up in the past for the Friends of Rec. Several past directors had pages dedicated to that group. Further efforts would be made to remedy this.

Safety Report – Continuing discussions 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 currently laying on the floor.

Property on Pig Street – Mike Vane continued explaining that the failed septic system at #33 Pig Street will be the responsibility of the town and he now will call Bliss Associates to see what the possibilities for a site plan would look like. The State has strict laws regarding failed systems and it is the town's responsibility to fix this situation where the septic system does not exist within the boundaries of that property. It is not failed, but must be moved.

Rec Center Garden Proposals – Willy would like to see the side gardens cleaned up and another proposal will be obtained from Northface Landscaping plus Public Works was asked to look at the plans too.

Swim Lessons– Float panels are broken for the swim floats in Burnt Meadow Pond- Great Northern has the parts needed and Willy ordered floats but said that buoys were also needed to keep boats out of the area where the swimmers will be. 55 are already signed up!

Rec Center Hot Water Heater – Willy had requested a hot water heater since the furnace was shut off for summer and that was the only source for hot water. Mike Vane got an estimate and a motion was made by Rick to spend up to \$1000 on a hybrid hot water heater with installation included in that price and seconded by Bill. Also the doors to the gymnasium were discussed and Dick said that he would look into the price of replacements.

Postcards- It was brought up by Erik Walker, that postcards for both town meeting and car registrations were voted on in the past and passed and that no postcards went out this year.

1.5 acre land purchase- Dickie made record the fact that the Volunteer Fire Company was willing to turn over property ownership of the current fire station to the town if the land is purchased from Article 26 that sits directly behind it.

Newsletter- Carrie Garland requested that future editions of the newsletter be sent to the selectboard for approval prior to printing. Deb Merrill stated that it has been a learning process and that it would be vetted by the selectmen in the future. All involved have tried very hard to only state the facts and it is considered a town newsletter.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Merrill