

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 7, 2024

MINUTES

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

Attendees: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Hailey Boudreau; Dana Forcier, Jr.; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Tiffany Caswell; Vincent Carbone; Deborah Tait; Whit Lucy; Terry Egan; Dan Larson; Barbara Moulton; Brian Merrill; and Kelly Lee. Zoom: Lori Brann; Cristin's iPad and Melanie Perreault.

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

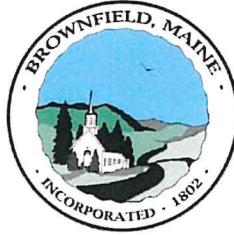
John motioned, Frank second to approve the Minutes of April 30, 2024 Selectmen's Meeting. Voted unanimously by a show of hands.

Payroll (and Accounts Payable) have been approved.

There was a discussion on the quotes for the roof over the ramp entrances at the Community Center, due to the fact that the quotes went from roughly \$2,000 to \$18,000. Cliff asked Frank how to put this out for bid and Frank explained the process. In response to Cliff's statement with lack of communication causing problems with getting things done it was explained that he is to bring the ideas to the Board as a whole, not just one Selectman. That the correct way is to present ideas at a meeting or to the Administrative Assistant so she can let the Board know in preparation of the next meeting. For the concrete work at the Community Center, Dick told Cliff to call Trafford because he said he can do it now. Dick asked Cliff to fix the speed bump on Dugway near Al's.

Frank discussed the quote for surfacing Farnsworth Road stating two reasons for not doing it. There are too many other roads already surfaced that need surfacing and the base is not ready for surface. Discussion on the shape of Burnt Meadow Road was discussed as an example. Cliff said he agrees with Frank that Farnsworth is not ready. This quote was the first he had heard about doing Farnsworth Road, last week Cliff said they were going to do Old County and Sam Brown Hill Roads. Frank said the section of Old County Road from Sam Brown Hill to the top of the hill needs attention and that Porter Road was surfaced 17 years ago. Frank went on to say, maintaining a gravel road is a whole lot cheaper than a paved road and that he is not trying to do Cliffs job, just trying to help him. Terry asked about a quote for surfacing the Community Center parking lot and Cliff said that they did.

The assessment for MSAD #72 this year is \$2,108,492 which is an increase of \$110,405. School Board meetings to attend are May 16 at the Brownfield/Denmark school at 6:30PM for



information and May 22 at Molly Ockett School at 7:00PM. Terry explained that the Meeting on the 16th would be a good time to get answers to questions.

There was a discussion on the property identified as R01-001-00A, with ownership and past due taxes. This property has been discussed in the past, Vinny asked if we could use the property as a green space. Discussion ensued. Vinny said his brother might be a contact person so Frank said that he would be willing to talk with Pete Carbone about possible access to it. Another option might be to access the property via the transfer station. Dan asked about landlocked property being illegal.

Southern Maine Regional Planning notified the Town that they will be short staffed but still have land use staff; MMA is looking for Nominations to their Legislative Policy Committee; Cindy Walker sent an e-mail re: Spirit of America Award, Nominating Jess Davis. Frank said they already agreed on one and he wasn't sure how that works. Dick said they will look into it; The Board agreed to look into new mapping, to see what it will cost the town. John said it is quite a lot more money but if it saves us money the extra expense could be beneficial. Cindy said that she loves it when she has an ACO call because she can verify where to go; e-mails from RHR Smith to Wanda and Alvina will wait for Wanda to come back from vacation; Matt Randall has not responded to our most recent question. Cindy said all he deals with is Manure and Run-off; There was a brief discussion on painting the Community Center. Dick suggests they could organize a paint day.

The two articles: 2024 Amendments to the Brownfield Land Use Ordinance regarding dimensional requirements and Accessory dwelling units were signed by Dick and Frank to be put in the town warrant.

Frank asked if Cliff has anything in his schedule to patch areas along the sides of the road. He said he does. Frank said he would get together with him. Cliff brought up the broken cash register at the transfer station and stated that the one person that knows how to use it needs to be there all three days or move on. Dick asked if he could show someone how to do it and Cliff said no. John said he has asked the copier people if they can service it. Cliff said the person in charge should be able to do it. Alvina asked if he even knows that he is in charge because Joe doesn't appear to know it. It was suggested to use receipt books until it is fixed. Vinny asked if there was any way a citizen could volunteer to work there to learn. Brian Merrill asked if packer trucks are dumping just trash.

Hailey asked if there was any information on the person that impersonated as an FBI agent because there was a concerning statement made recently. Dick asked her to write a statement on it. She said she would.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant
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