



TOWN OF BROWNFIELD
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2024

Present were: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Vane; Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins; Rec Director, William Tracy; Brian Merrill; Tiffany Caswell; Chad Pine; Vincent Carbone; Vincent Lanovara; Linda Pestilli; Dan Larson; Deborah Tait; Dana Forcier, Jr.; Barb Moulton; and Selectman Elect, Ricky Emery. Zoom Attendees: Lori Brann and Cristen Perreault.

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

Payroll and A/P were approved.

John motioned, Frank second to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2024. Approved unanimously by a show of hands.

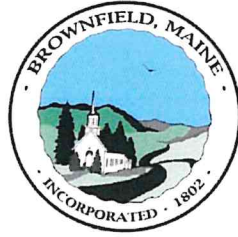
Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton reported that she had a few calls, one was a wildlife call that was a baby deer that had broken legs and didn't survive.

Fire Chief, Dicky Perreault reported 14 fire and 10 medical calls. He thanked Public Works for letting them use the garage to service the fire trucks. He talked with the Department of Labor and has a few changes to make for the shape program, and he will be doing building inspections tomorrow.

Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Vane reported that he sent several notices out to Justin Myers on Merrill Corner Road and the last one he refused to accept. At some point the town will need to take action. Dick said it can go to legal. Mike has documentation if the Board would like to review it.

Public Works Director, Cliff Cousins reported that he rented equipment to cut tree limbs from the side of the roads, they performed maintenance on the 550, he has reached out to the State bridge engineer for some ideas on Misty Lane bridge, and he had a complaint on Porter Road bridge that he will check out.

Deb Tait revisited the conversation from last week on Article 3 line 5. There was a change voted on at town meeting and she said you can't change an amended article

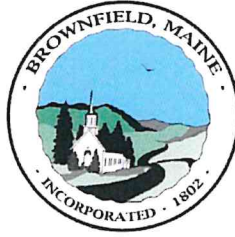


that people voted on. Dick said if it is outside of the realm of the article you can. The dollar amounts can be decreased but the additional language about the duties of the treasurer is out of scope. Frank asked Deb what was the reason for the amendment? Deb said she (Lynn) will be working with everybody and start with the money. Frank explained that they are trying to accomplish is to get everybody working together. Deb said this person is going to help everyone. Frank asked why wouldn't it be ok for everyone to work together? Deb asked and Alvina answered that the advertisement has been sent to the Bridgton News and Shopping Guide. Rick discussed that they are going to be hiring a position to work with both of them. Elected Officials can come and go as they please. Trio Certified, Town Clerk Certified where is the supervision? Frank explained that they are trying to hire someone to work with both departments. Rick said when it comes down to it, the employee must have someone to answer to and he is concerned about who the employee will have to answer to. Dick said they should all work for the town. Chad Pine said last year the article to allow the Board of Selectmen to hire and fire was defeated and there are too many Chiefs and not enough Indians. Alvina said she talked to both of the ladies and they want to work as team players and all work together with the Board of Selectmen to move the Town forward. Alvina said she thinks they should be given the chance. Vinny Lanovara explained that the deputy will be working with the Tax Collector and Town Clerk positions.

Recreation Director, Willy Tracy reported continuing with the coffee hour, Swim lessons with new assistants, day camp will be half days with trips and Brownfield Day on August 10. Applications are on line and the Facebook page. Anyone that wants to be a vendor or participant please reach out to Willy. Planning on a hunter safety course with Fryeburg Fish and Game but no date is set as of yet.

Jess Davis is asking for the Board to give permission for her to organize a group of community volunteers to work in Merrill Cemetery, Rick said this is just a courtesy to the Board. The proposed date for this project is August 17. Frank made a motion, Dick second to allow Jess to get people together to work on grave stone in Merrill Cemetery. Voted unanimously by show of hands.

Frank said the Town always was responsible to take care of the outlying cemeteries and Jess has been trying to get people to take some on. Jess provided a list of Veteran



gravestones that are in need of repair. Review of the warrant articles Dick said there is \$1,000 in Veteran Stone Repair.

Business license for two-way radios, Cliff said he doesn't know anything about this.

Advertisements have been placed for the help wanted, full-time deputy position and the Invitation to Bid – 2024 Municipal Parking Lot.

Paperwork was faxed to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife naming Alvina as the Agent of Record for Brownfield.

MSAD #72 school assessment for the Town is \$2,108,491.67. Our monthly installment is \$175,707.52 due the 20th of each month starting July 20, 2024. Dick said the school district sends out lists and they found two students not ours last time.

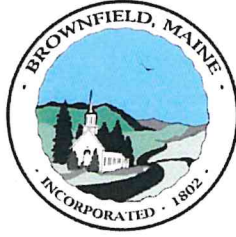
July 16th is the suggested date for an exit audit with RHR Smith, he hasn't confirmed.

A copy of an e-mail from Lynn regarding Zachary Everett and the skate park and the Rec Department. Frank said that basically Zack is saying if we don't stop some of what is being said on Facebook he is going to come after the town. Vincent Carbone asked Frank to read it. He agreed to read it but was interrupted by Vincent. Frank stated that Vinny wanted to know why he was blocked from a Facebook page. Vincent asked who told Willy to delete him? Vincent kept interrupting the meeting despite the attempt to move the meeting on. The Board agreed to send an e-mail regarding Zachary Everett and the skate park to the Attorney before next week.

Lynn provided a cellphone detailed sheet for the cost of cellphones prompted Vinny Lanovara to explain that a town phone or private phone used for town business would be subject to FOIA/FOAA.

Lynn provided an updated ARPA funds spreadsheet.

Still on-going, Brian Merrill has received a copy of the May 30th, May 2nd, April 16th, April 12th, March 19th, and Feb 16th e-mails regarding Farm or Farm animals. He now is requesting a copy of the document that the Town Attorney says this is a civil matter.



He asked Dick, Frank and John if they have seen it. John said he read it. Alvina will go back and search for it.

The next Public Safety Building Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024 @ 7:00 AM.

Mike asked for everyone to thank Dick, Wanda, and Michelle for their years of service. Everyone clapped.

At 6:25 PM, Dick motioned, John 2nd to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6)(A). Vote 3-0-0. Vote unanimous by show of hands.

At 7:05 PM, John motioned, Frank 2nd to come out of executive session. Vote 3-0-0. Vote unanimous by show of hands.

John motioned, Frank 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. Vote 3-0-0. Vote unanimous by show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted

Alvina Day
Administrative Assistant