

TOWN OF BROWNFIELD
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2024

Present were: Fire Chief, Richard Perreault; Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Vane; Public Works Director, Clifton Cousins; Animal Control Officer, Cindy Eaton; Rec Director, William Tracy; Treasurer, Lynn Boyle; Brian Merrill; Tiffany Caswell; Chad Pine; Vincent Carbone; Vincent Lanovara; Linda Pestilli; Dan Larson; Deborah Tait; Brian Fornier; Cindy Walker; Joe Vaughn, Barbara Moulton; Erik Walker; Terry Lochhead; Joe Egan; Whit Lucy; Hollie Hazzard; Caleb Ness and Stephen Booker.

Chairman, Ricky Emery called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and motioned to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter, Frank Day second. Vote was unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0. At 5:41 PM, Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd, to come out of executive session.

At 5:46 PM Ricky opened the meeting and called for a Pledge of Allegiance.

Payroll and A/P were approved.

Ricky motioned, Frank second to accept the resignation of John Hicks. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0.

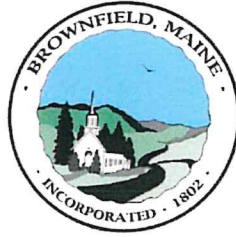
Ricky motioned, and Frank 2nd to schedule a special town meeting election to be held at the earliest convenience to fill the position on the Selectboard. Joe Egan asked if this special election could also have articles and approximately how long would it take. Ricky said he thought it would take between 60 and 90 days. Vinny Lanovara asked about petitions being submitted or not, Ricky said, in the past they did not have to have a petition. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0.

Frank motioned, Ricky second to accept the Minutes of July 2, 2024. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0.

Cindy Walker discussed IT for meetings. She proposes an upgrade broadcast system with 360° camera system with audio for the Town Office and the Community Center, with live stream to U-Tube. Ricky said as long as it is a multi-use platform he couldn't see why they wouldn't do it. Frank agreed. Cindy offered and Ricky agreed to allow her to research it. Frank said a quote would be ok.

Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd to vacate the part-time position for legal reasons ending at 5 o'clock today. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0.

After a discussion on 270 Merrill Corner Road with CEO, Mike Vane Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd to authorize CEO to contact legal and to handle the situation. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0.



Ricky reported he contacted ESBC and they needed an individual to fill Patrick Bryant's position. Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd to appoint Erik Walker to the Eastern Slope Regional Broadband Committee as a Representative for the Town of Brownfield. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0.

Animal Control Officer, Cindy reported stray cats, a bird was found, and stray dogs. She reported fireworks landed in a pasture and she said the animals were all sweaty. Brian Merrill said fireworks were shot off at the house (where Cindy was talking about) on the 4th of July.

Fire Chief, Dicky Perreault reported 10 fire calls, five medical, assisted rescue with a motorcycle accident and a propane leak. Six fire-fighter members were certified. He thanked Public Works for allowing him to use the garage for servicing the fire trucks. There is lots of paperwork with the Public Safety Building grant and Joe explained the letter of introduction process.

Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Vane reported that we are about 8-10 building permits behind from last year. He will be attending the planning board meeting tonight to gain information on land use and subdivisions.

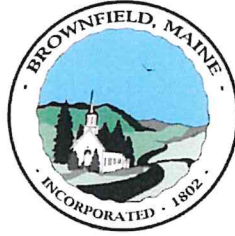
Public Works Director, Clifton Cousins asked about safety meetings and recommends that all employees attend. Ricky asked Alvina to schedule quarterly meetings. No bids for the municipal parking lot came in. He said the pavement on Burnt Meadow Road was fixed today and they paved the intersection of Nolan Road and Porter Road. He and Willy received complaints about at the beach. The 550 went to McFarlane Spring. Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd for Clif to reach out to D&R for the sealcoating and crack filling the town office. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0. He reported they will be paving Sam Brown and Old County Road 1400'. Cliff said he supplies water and gloves to the crew as needed.

Rec Director, Willy reported 45 kids participating in swim lessons, weekly coffee hour, yoga, paint classes & kids art workshops. Upcoming events, Seadogs trip August 1, Brownfield Days scheduled for August 10; Theme is "Take me out to the ball game" and Fred Apt is going to be the Grand Marshall. Vendors and participants are encouraged to reach out to Willy as soon as possible.

Vinny Lanovara explained the Community bulletin board at the Post Office.

Hollie Hazzard resigned her position at the Mt Washington Valley Economic Counsel. Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd to accept her resignation. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote:2-0-0.

The Return Check Policy was signed. MMA authorized contact list was signed. Bern Stein Shur authorized contact was also signed. Treasurer took care of the Salary survey. The Budget Committee list still needs Chad Pines info.



Vinny Carbone invited the Board to attend a meeting with him and the State Forester for the Community Forest project he is working on.

Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd to make Bill Flynn the Health Officer and safety liaison. Voted unanimous by show of hands. Vote 2-0-0.

Hollie Hazzard inquired whether there was any discussion about changing the hours for the town office. Ricky said, not yet. There was a discussion on the positions of Health Officer and E911 in regards to these positions. Ricky said the Board of Selectmen are here for a reason and that no employee should delegate to another employee that they have to do another position. Changes should be brought to the Board of Selectmen.

At 6:45 PM, Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd to enter into executive session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6)(A). Vote unanimous by show of hands. Vote 2-0-0.

At 7:23 PM, Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd to come out of executive session. Vote unanimous by show of hands. Vote 2-0-0.

Ricky motioned, Frank 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Vote unanimous by show of hands. Vote 2-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Alvina Day, Administrative Assistant