

**TOWN OF BRADFORD - SELECTBOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Meeting Minutes - Thursday October 8, 2015**  
6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Academy Building - 10A

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**Board Members Present:** Thomas E. Unkles, Randy L Moore, Daniel A. Perry III, Lisa D. Sharp, Carole P. Taylor  
**Recording Clerk:** Bridget Simmons  
**Others Present:** Bob Wing, Harvey Door, Nila Anya, Bob Blodgett, Sandy Price and Alex Nuti-de Biasi

Meeting called to order by Ted Unkles at 6:30 pm

**Visitors & Public Comment:**

- Harvey Door mentioned the handicap plate marker on Main Street and said that he'd be happy to call the State, Ted said Phil is planning to take care of it. Harvey also mentioned that he felt the "no parking signs" were not facing the proper way. Randy Moore indicated that he felt they are in the correct place.

**2016 Budget - Non-profit request:**

- Ted Unkles wanted to know how we are planning to deal with the petitions for 2016 as 2015's have already been created. The major question is, Are we ok with several originations listing on one petition or do we want each origination to list theirs on a separate petitions? Carole feels that they should each have their own petition. Randy feels that it should stand now. Ted said that the current practice is that each origination submits their own. Lisa will email the "model" policy for everyone to look at.
- Sandy Price feels that there should be a water spigot at Denny Park to water flowers, etc, Ted Unkles told her that this would have to come from the Park & Rec budget.

**Connecticut River Academy:**

- Bob Blodgett from CRA is interesting in getting a basketball team started. They have joined they principals association. He apologizes for the issues that happened last year while the students from CRA used the gym. This year they will have a staff member up by the bathrooms at all times, they will have sneaker put on upstairs, so no boots down on the court, they have already made the rule of no food, no drinks, etc. Jason Hilder is the coach, who was incidentally in the military. This year it will only kids from CRA, it will not be kids from anywhere else as it was last year. If the coach cannot make the practice, the practice will be cancelled. Jeff Stigler, Chief of Police suggested that maybe, if the Town ended up in a couple hour incident again, then maybe CRA reimburse the Town for the expenses. CRA is not planning to host any home games for 2015/16 season. Ted wants to know if there is any damage by CRA, that the Town will be reimbursed, Bob doesn't seem to think that it will be an issue, but he needs to check with the director for confirmation.
- **Motion made by Randy Moore to approve the request from CRA with the understanding that we are free to resend the invitation at any time and will without prior warning. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

**Twin State fertilizer Brownsfields monitoring:**

- Ted Unkles let the other members of the Selectboard know that this easement is very similar to the one they looked at a few weeks ago. Twin State Fertilizer is now owned by Farm Way. Any time the State personnel collects groundwater from a specific Town, it's required to let them know and the State creates these easements as an agreement to collect that groundwater - this is their way of letting the Town know what they are doing and where they are doing it.
- **Motion made by Lisa Willets that there is no objections to this easement from the State. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

**Training Request:**

- Bob Wing would like to attend a training on Planning & Zoning on October 28<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- **Motion made by Carole Taylor to allow Bob Wing to attend the Fall Planning & Zoning Forum. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

**Building use requests:**

- Bradford Youth Sports:
  - BYS have requested to use a conference room on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for their October meeting, Claude has already approved this request, he is simply looking for the Selectboards final stamp of approval.
- Global Campuses Foundation:
  - GCF is requesting use of the auditorium for 2 classes to be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12:45 pm and 2:45 pm, Claude has already approved this request, he is simply looking for the Selectboards final stamp of approval.

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• Bradford Public Library:

- Mrs. Unkles is requesting uses of a conference room on November 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm for a fundraising auction, Claude has already approved this request, he is simply looking for the Selectboards final stamp of approval.

- **Motion made by Randy Moore to approve all 3 BA use request forms as submitted. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

Upper Valley Ambulance - Fast Squad:

- Discussion ensued regarding the agreement with Upper Valley Ambulance and the Bradford Fast Squad. Gary Moore looked at it and has no issues or concerns as did Dan Perry III, the Bradford Fast Squad signs this agreement every year, the Selectboard nor Gary Moore was aware that this was signed however because the Bradford Fast Squad is separate from the Town, they do not need the approval of the Selectboard to sign this agreement. Bridget will meet new president Holly Creamer to get this agreement to her.

Bradford Properties, LLC Assessment Appeal:

- Ted Unkles let everyone know that Tim Copeland purchased the Maska building, he appealed the value, the board of civil authority denied his appeal, Tim has now appealed the denial. Ted wanted the Selectboard to know they may have to hire someone to represent them in this case.

Minutes:

- **Motion made by Randy Moore approve the minutes from September 24, 2015 as corrected. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

Orders:

- Carole Taylor noted that Jennifer had to sign off for Ryan as he had not yet.
- **Motion made by Carole Taylor to approve the orders of October 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 as submitted. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**

Other Business:

Brush Pile:

- Discussion ensued regarding the Brush Pile at the Town Garage. Ted feels that Phil can continue to arrange that with the fire department. It needs to burn hot, fast and then be put it out. Do not let it smolder. It's important to make sure people do not put old furniture and other things in this pile. Earthwaste is not monitoring the Brush Pile. Phil doesn't feel that we should have to pay a fee to have this pile monitored. The Selectboard isn't sure where we are going to go with this situation yet.

Recycle Center:

- Ted had a few complaints that the recycling center closed 15 minutes prior to the stated time. The people working there stated that everything is full, thus they cannot take anything and they will not reopen the gate.

Marathon:

- Jeff is wondering if anyone had heard anything about a marathon in town, maybe by the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee? The Selectboard did not know of anything.

Parks & Recs:

- Nila Anaya wanted the Selectboard to know that they will be submitting a letter to request to have the park closed on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. Ted Unkles wanted clarification, by closed, you mean the building/bathrooms? Nila confirmed.

Executive Session:

- **Motion made by Lisa Sharp to go into executive session at 7:15 pm as it is allowed by 1 V.S.A. section 313 (a)(1) to discuss a personnel issue because the premature general public knowledge would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. The Selectboard invited Jeff Stiegler to attend, but asked Bridget Simmons to leave. So voted. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)**
- Selectboard exited executive session at 7:42 - no action taken.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Thomas E. Unkles - Chair

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Randy L. Moore - Vice Chair

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Daniel A. Perry III

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Lisa D. Sharp

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Bridget Simmons, Recording Clerk

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Carole P. Taylor