

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD
REGULAR MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 27, 2015
6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Academy

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Thomas E. Unkles, Carole P. Taylor, Daniel A. Perry III, Randy L. Moore, Lisa D. Sharp

Administrative Assistant: Danielle Robinson

Others present: Robert Wing, Harvey Dorr, Danielle Drown, Ed Morrison, Jeanne DiBastisto, Nila Anaya, Ray Coffin, Ryan Terrill, Jeffrey Stiegler

Ted Unkles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

Harvey Dorr thanked Phil Page and the rest of the Highway Department for putting the stop sign up on Fairground Road.

Harvey Dorr questioned if the Selectboard had any plans on getting a new business to go into the Hills 5 and 10 store. The Selectboard stated that the Merchants Association and Downtown Designation have been having discussion regarding the open store front

Sign Application for Green Mountain Diner:

Lisa Sharp made a motion to deny the sign application for Green Mountain Diner and uphold the sign ordinance as it stands.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Fortinet Device- All Access:

Ray Coffin from All-Access Info Tech explained the Fortinet device hardware warranty as a type of firewall out to the internet that is critical to the Towns software because it runs the system. It is a hardware warranty, so if the device dies they fix it and the Town receives all of the continuous software updates, and new features, etc. at no charge. The Fortinet phone warranty is coming up in November 2015 and is the same sort of thing only for the phones.

Dan Perry made a motion to renew the annual Fortinet device subscription at a price of \$301.07.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

2014 Audit Findings:

Randy Moore made a motion to accept the 2014 audit findings and responses from Fothergill Segale & Valley.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Dan Perry made a motion to accept the 2014 audit and the MDA and authorized Ted Unkles to sign.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Salt Quotes- Highway:

Lisa Sharp made a motion to accept the salt bid from Cargill and authorize Ted Unkles to sign.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Route 5 Project:

Randy Moore made a motion authorizing Ted Unkles to send a letter to AOT encouraging them to keep the angled parking on Main Street while making it ADA compliant.

MOTION PASSED, 4 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE 1 VOTE (LISA SHARP) OPPOSED.

Statewide soil Quality Survey Consent:

The legislature recently passed a new law on how to handle partly polluted areas in Vermont and the State is now doing statewide samples to figure out what soil looks like in Vermont.

The State requested permission from the Selectboard to take a sample from Memorial Field which is owned by the school. The Selectboard would like to refer the State to Orange East Supervisory Union.

Repayment Schedule RF3-231-5 Water Project:

Dan Perry made a motion authorizing Ted to sign the RF3-231-5 water project repayment schedule.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Purchase Order- Police Department:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the purchase order request from Chief Stiegler which included approval for an adult mental health conference on October 6, 2015 in the amount of \$35.00, approval for the purchase of an outer body ballistic vest in the amount of \$1,500, and the approval of four new tires for the 2013 Ford Expedition cruiser in the estimated amount of \$553.28.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

BA Use Applications:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the use of conference room 10A for a republican caucus on September 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Walter Lee Applications:

Randy Moore made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Walter Lee Committee for the Bradford Teen Association to receive \$684.83 for a foosball table and tennis equipment.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Randy Moore made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Walter Lee Committee for the Bradford Parks and Recreation to have a survey completed in the amount of \$6,000 for Memorial Field, contingent on Bradford Elementary School and the Town of Bradford deciding on who will own and be in charge of the property.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Randy Moore made a motion to deny Bradford Youth Sports request for \$6,500 for a purchase of a chain link fence for Memorial Field.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Town Owned Land 4.5 Acres:

The Town of Bradford was approached by a realtor who is selling 2 acres that abuts 4.5 acres that was bought by the Town in a 1995 tax sale. The realtor was wondering if the Town would be interested in selling the 4.5 acres while the 2 acres is being listed.

The Selectboard would like to do some more research on how the Town should go about selling land.

Minutes:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2015.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the orders dated August 28, 2015.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

The Bradford Teen Association requested using \$100.00 from their fundraiser monies to purchase after school snacks. The Selectboard does not have a problem with this.

The Selectboard received a letter from a concerned resident about the Clark property being in violation of the Town junk ordinance and also Robert Nutting’s property being in violation of the dangerous building ordinance.

The Selectboard also recognized that Debra-Adams Rocke’s property is again in violation of the Town junk ordinance.

There was discussion about a news topic regarding police body cameras and if all police departments should have them or not.

The legislature has a lot of to figure out before Bradford even considers to move towards body cameras.

Harvey Dorr expressed his concern about the lights being on and door being opened at Elizabeth Park passed 9:00 p.m.

Personnel- Executive Session:

Lisa Sharp made a motion to go into executive session at 7:53 p.m. as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1) to discuss a personnel issue regarding employment with Bradford Fire Department because of the premature general public knowledge would place the Town at substantial disadvantage. The motion included Ryan Terrill and Danielle Robinson to attend the session.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:07 p.m.

Randy Moore made a motion to approve the applications of Joshua A. Danforth, and Brandon M. Perkins for the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department contingent on a further background check and with a one year probationary appointment period.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

_____ 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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_____ Carole P. Taylor

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_____ Lisa D. Sharp