

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 28, 2014

6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Academy

In Attendance:

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

Administrative Assistant: Danielle Robinson

Others present: Emilie Perry, Sherry Brown, Crystal McCullough, Alex Nuti-De Biasi, Ron Moore, Ryan Terrill, Stephen Sanborn, Jeffrey Stiegler, John Fogarty

Public Comment:

The Selectboard presented Robert and Mildred Terrill with a resolution passed by the Selectboard as a thank you for their commitment to the Town of Bradford.

Sherry Brown made the Selectboard aware that on October 18, 2014 BCDC and Bradford Main Street Alliance will be holding an auction to help raise money to repair the roof at the library.

“Be Good Sports” – Crystal Waters McCullough:

Crystal McCullough presented her newly launched business to the Selectboard that will include a series of running races each of which will benefit a designated charity. She would like to hold five races in Bradford a year and believes this program will have the potential to help local businesses and build community support. She would be the host of the event and therefore financially responsible.

Front Sidewalk:

The front sidewalk of the Bradford Academy building was damaged during the Farmers Market. It was explained that a young man was doing a pottery demonstration with a kiln he built at school. The kiln was too hot and fractured the cement sidewalk leaving a good size hole in the sidewalk. Cracks spreading out from the hole have spread into other portions of the sidewalk. Emilie Perry made the Selectboard aware that she knows the man that was doing the demonstration and would send Danielle his name, insurance info, and pictures of the damage.

The Selectboard asked Danielle to get a quote on repairing the damage.

BA Use Applications:

John Fogarty requested approval from the Selectboard to hold meetings of the 4-H Shooting Sports Club in the gymnasium of the Bradford Academy Building. The shooting would be with competition-grade air rifles and air pistols for about an hour or two a week. The 4-H club would arrange temporary back stops in the gym and each participant would go through a rigorous safety course before shooting. Liability coverage would be provided through the 4-H's insurance company.

The Selectboard would like more information and would like to receive public comment before acting on this request. They asked Mr. Fogarty to provide more information and scheduled a hearing to be held on September 25, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.

Library Flood Light Across Road:

The light across the street of the library was put there years ago to illuminate the Lowe Mansion lot in order to deter loitering. At this time tree branches have grown up so that the light no longer illuminates the vacant lot. The trustees of the Bradford Library have asked the light be moved to illuminate their building instead.

The Selectboard would like a chance to look at the light in question.

Congregational Church Clock Quote:

At Town meeting, voters approved a proposal to allocate \$10,000 toward the repair or replacement of the town clock, which is located in the steeple of the Congregational church. The selectboard evaluated several options recommended by the church trustees, and chose “Option Three- Hand and Movement Assemblies Clock”. The clock is priced at \$10,658.00. Carole Taylor made a motion that the Town pay \$10,000, the amount that was budgeted at Town Meeting, provided that the church pays the difference.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Department- Air Trailer, Coin Drop, & equipment purchase:

For the last 8 years the fire department has been housing an air trailer, which is used to refill air bottles at an incident. The existing trailer is 4 feet wide, is not equipped with lights, and is fully exposed to the weather. The fire department is interested in a 16 foot wide trailer that is currently housed by Upper Valley Ambulance in Fairlee. The trailer is used as a rehabilitation station, and provides shelter from the weather, and is equipped with a generator and lights. The fire department has found that with some minor reconfiguration, they would be able to add the air cascade system to the trailer and would be able to tow it behind the forestry truck. The trailer was given to Upper Valley Ambulance through a homeland security grant years ago.

The Selectboard would like to get more information about the trailer and the terms of the grant agreement between DHS and UV Ambulance. They would also like to get the Public Safety Commission's input acquiring on this trailer.

Randy Moore made a motion to allow the fire department to hold a coin drop on October 4, 2014 in front of Notch Above Auto.

MOTION PASSED, 4 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND 1 VOTE (CAROLE TAYLOR) ABSTAINED.

Lisa Sharp made a motion to approve the fire department's purchase order in the amount of \$2,185.20.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard approved Ryan Terrill to pay Dennis and Marianne McClure for the Goshen Tower electric bill, \$150.00 for one half of the entire billing year (July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014). The next bill will be due January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in which it will be \$300.00 for the 2015 calendar year. They also asked Ryan to discuss a long term lease with the McClures.

Listers Errors & Omissions:

Randy Moore made a motion to approve the Listers errors and omissions to the 2014 Grand List in which the Listers inadvertently did not apply a \$40,000 Veterans exemption that the homeowner qualifies for. The Board requests that the Treasurer issue a revised tax bill reflecting the lowered taxable assessment.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2014.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Randy Moore made a motion to approve the orders dated August 29, 2014.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

Randy Moore made a motion to formally adopt the Fair and Impartial Policing with changes to the formatting of the document.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Dan Perry made a motion to purchase shorter antennas for the police radios, 4 antennas for \$64.95.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard made note that the North Pleasant Street sidewalk grant got turned down.

There is a new Agency of Transportation grant that Rita from Two Rivers Ottauquechee is looking into for the Town to be able to do a sidewalk inventory.

Personnel- Executive Session:

Lisa Sharp made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue regarding the compensation of two different employees, by 1 VSA section 313(a)(1) and invite Danielle Robinson, Jeffrey Stiegler, and Ron Moore.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Randy Moore made a motion as to have Ron Moore's leave balance be 80 hours vacation, 40 hours personal, and 109 sick hours of August 27, 2014, and keep his full-time hire date as July 1, 2013.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Carole Taylor made a motion to give Jeffrey Stiegler a stipend of \$787.50.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

_____ Thomas E. Unkles, Chair

_____ Carole P. Taylor, Vice Chair

_____ Daniel A. Perry III

_____ Randy L. Moore

_____ Lisa D. Sharp