

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 14, 2019  
6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Academy

In Attendance:

**Board Members Present:** Thomas E. Unkles, Carole P. Taylor, Daniel A. Perry III, Ryan Lockwood, Randy L. Moore

**Others Present:** Paul Gallerani, Nancy Jones, Marcey Carver, Meroa Benjamin, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Pat Dwyer, Jake Clark, Byron Kidder, Payne Morgan, Doug Merrill, Jesse Meyer, Hod Palmer, Claude Ciurleo, John Hersh, C.V. Elms, Ryan Terrill, Ron Huntington

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

**Additions & Changes to the Agenda:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

Nancy Jones announced the 25-year anniversary of Wrights Mountain December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 3 p.m. celebration in the parking lot.

Linda Bryan expressed concerns about the rental space in the Bradford Academy building not being ready.

**Bear Ridge Speedway Permit 2020:**

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the 2020 Bear Ridge Speedway permit as printed.  
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**BA Preservation Fund:**

The preservation committee would like to put a flagpole on the front of the BA building to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Bradford Academy. They are also looking into fixing the spire on top of the bell tower, and possibly replacing the logo on the center of the basketball court with the Bradford Academy original seal, put an emblem on the podium, new flags for the stage, hanging the banner for the 200-year anniversary somewhere in the BA and putting more pictures throughout the halls of the BA.

**Conservation- Timber Harvest Contract:**

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to sign the timber sale contract with Long View Forestry and designated the \$6,000 in anticipated proceeds to the Friends of Wrights Mountain fund.  
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Conservation- Establish Town Energy Commission:**

Randy Moore made a motion approving Nancy Jones' request to put an ad in the Journal Opinion to recruit interested people on an Energy Committee.  
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Solar Array:**

Several community members spoke about the solar array that has been proposed next to the Napa store. Most commenters stated that they do not want to see it there.

Jake Clark and Payne Morgan made the Selectboard aware that they were there to address any issues. They said that they realize that the proposed location for the array is visually sensitive, and they offered to increase the screening by planting trees and shrubs to help screen the project from the roadway. They offered \$15,000 to increase screening or to be used for economic development in Bradford.

Marcey Carver stated the Public Utilities Commission held a scheduling conference a couple weeks ago, the Planning Commission and Two Rivers filed as interveners which gives more of an opportunity to express the concerns of the community. Marcey also stated that they can be required to put up screening that could cost more than \$15,000 by the PUC.

Jake Clark stated the screening would be required as part of the order, they would be legal trouble if they didn't follow the law. The offer would be paid on the issuance of the project being successfully permitted.

A resident questioned if the owner of the land is also the owner of the storage units and why can't they do rooftop units? The storage units are owned by the same corporation but the roofs on the storage units do not face the right way for solar panels. Jake Clark made the Selectboard aware that the current landowner has owned the property since 2007 and has not had an offer on the property.

**Northeast Slopes Appropriation 2019:**

It was suggested at Town Meeting Day 2019 that the Selectboard consider giving funds to Northeast Slopes even though they did not follow the policy within the Town and file a petition. The Selectboard feels that they did not follow the Town policy and that it would set a very dangerous precedent to give Northeast Slopes funds for 2019.

**Special Liquor Licenses:**

Dan Perry made a motion to approve American Crafted Spirits, Inc to be at Farmway on December 14, 2019 for Men's Shopping Day.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Junk Ordinance Complaint:**

Randy Moore made a motion to send a junk ordinance letter to the property owner at 385 High Street, Bradford.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Training Requests:**

Randy Moore made a motion to approve Mollie Hatch to attend the annual Northern New England Recreation & Parks overnight conference on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> of 2020.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Minutes:**

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the minutes dated October 24, 2019.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Orders:**

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the orders dated November 15, 2019 in the amount of \$42,205.71.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the appropriation orders dated November 15, 2019 in the amount of \$57,387.00 which was approved by the voters at Town Meeting Day.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Other Business:**

Carole Taylor made the Selectboard aware that Erika Martino has concerns regarding the of stakes on Stagecoach Road.

Ron Huntington was late for the zoning hearing and gave his concerns regarding the zoning bylaws to the Selectboard.

**Personnel- Executive Session:**

Randy Moore made a motion that the Selectboard has determined that a personnel issue needs be discussed in executive session because the premature general public knowledge would place both the Town and the employee at substantial disadvantage.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Randy Moore made a motion to go into executive session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss employee evaluations as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1). The motion included Danielle Kingsbury, Claude Ciurleo, Paul Berlejung, Ryan Terrill and Jesse Myer to attend the session.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Randy Moore made a motion to give Ryan Terrill is stipend.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas E. Unkles, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Randy L. Moore, Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Ryan Lockwood

\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel A. Perry III

\_\_\_\_\_ Carole P. Taylor