

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD
REGULAR MEETING- ZOOM WEB CONFERENCING

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2020

6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Academy

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Thomas E. Unkles (via web), Carole P. Taylor (via phone), Ryan Lockwood (via web), Daniel A. Perry III (via web),

Board Members Absent: Randy L. Moore

Administrative Assistant: Danielle Kingsbury (via web)

Others Present: Monique Priestley, Cindy Blakeslee, Robert Wing, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Gary Moore, Donald Kollisch, Laurie Harding, Bud Haas
(all via web)

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

As Chair of the Bradford Selectboard, I find that, due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Scott as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20 and Act 92, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

In accordance with Act 92, there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting. However, in accordance with the temporary amendments to the Open Meeting Law, I confirm that we are:

- a) Providing public access to the meeting by [telephone/video/other electronic means], with additional access offered through [telephone/video/other electronic means]. We are using Zoom for this remote meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if desired, participate in this meeting by web, videoing, or phone.
- b) Providing public notice of instructions for accessing the meeting. We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing this meeting, including how to access the meeting using [telephone/video/other electronic means] in our posted meeting agenda.
- c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access. If anybody has a problem, please email administrator@bradford-vt.us; and
- d) Continuing the meeting if necessary. In the event the public is unable to access this meeting, it will be continued to a time and place certain.

Please note that all votes taken during this meeting that are not unanimous will be done by roll call vote, in accordance with the law.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance of all members participating in the meeting.

Dan Perry

Carole Taylor

Ryan Lockwood

Ted Unkles

Additions & Changes to the Agenda:

No new liquor license applications, remove agenda item.

Public Comment:

None.

Community Nursing:

Laurie Harding and Donald Kollisch gave the Selectboard information on community nursing and the possibility of having a nurse in Bradford funded through grants for 6 months. The grant would fund the nurse and supplies. Community nurses do not provide direct services to residents but serve as a resource and are able to refer people to agencies that can help with different needs. Hartland, Thetford, Norwich, Londonderry, and Sharon are Towns in Vermont that are currently moving towards community nursing. The Selectboard took no action but we are interested in exploring this further.

Junk Ordinance Complaint:

The Selectboard received a junk ordinance complaint from John Lomasney Jr. about his neighbors a crossed the street collecting tires and other junk on their property and running a mechanic shop with a lift out of their home without the appropriate permits.

The Town's junk ordinance states that if the junk cannot be seen from a public roadway then it does not go against the town's junk ordinance. The Selectboard does not feel that this violates the junk ordinance at this time. The mechanic shop would be a zoning issue and has been submitted to the Zoning Administrator. Ted Unkles will also refer the property to the salvage yard program, through the State of Vermont.

2020 Emergency Management Plan:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the 2020 Emergency Management Plan.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2020.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the orders dated April 10, 2020 in the amount of \$37,669.68.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to appoint Bradford Resilience as an official town committee.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Personnel- Executive Session:

Dan Perry 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.

Dan Perry made a motion to go into executive session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1) and invited Danielle Kingsbury to attend the session. MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

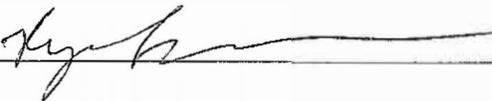
The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:31 p.m.

Dan Perry made a motion that due to the State of Emergency declared by the governor due to COVID19 the Selectboard will extend the provision that all town employees do as much work from home as possible (with our current resources) during this time. If an employee must go to the office for an urgent matter or to meet deadlines, they need to limit in person contact with employees and the public as much as possible. Only one employee should be in an office space at one time. All employees will be paid for their regular scheduled hours; this will continue until the next Selectboard meeting on April 23rd when the Board will revisit the issue. MOTION PASSED, 3 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 1 VOTE (CAROLE TAYLOR) RECUSED HERSELF.

The Selectboard adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

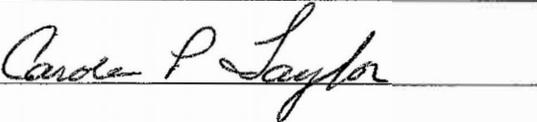
Thomas E. Unkles, Chair

Randy L. Moore, Vice Chair



Ryan Lockwood

Daniel A. Perry III



Carole P. Taylor