

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 12, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

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

**Board Members Absent:** Lisa D. Sharp

**Administrative Assistant:** Danielle Robinson

**Others present:** Alex Nuti-De Bias, Marianne McClure, Robert Wing, James Barton, Jennifer Rivers, Peter Mallory

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

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

**Junk Ordinance:**

Carole Taylor made a motion to send a certified junk ordinance letter for the property owner of 582 South Road Bradford, Vermont for not being in compliance with the ordinance on outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY

**Set Date for Second Sign Hearing:**

Randy Moore made a motion to set a second hearing for July 10, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Recreation Director:**

The Selectboard requested that Danielle ask Skip Barrett if the community group is going to be holding a meeting.

**Park & Recreation Member Application:**

The Selectboard received an application from Nila Newstrom-Anaya for a volunteer position on the parks and recreation committee. The Selectboard encouraged the Park and Recreation Commission to meet with the applicant and make a recommendation to the Selectboard before they approve the application.

**Dog Ordinance Discussion:**

Wayne Godfrey, the animal control officer, has proposed changes to the dog ordinance. All the substantial changes were made in the draft that Wayne provided, but there are some grammatical changes to be made.

Carole Taylor made a motion to hold a hearing for the dog ordinance on July 24, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Cemetery Lots:**

Carole Taylor made a motion to authorize Ted Unkles to sign the deed for an 8 grave lot sold to the Clafins.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Public Library- Hang Box:**

Because the library is running out of space for books, the library is starting a new program called "public library". The library will hang boxes in public places in Bradford where they will leave books for residents to take.

Randy Moore made a motion to authorize the library to hang the box in the outside entrance of the Bradford Academy building, pending approval by the BA preservation committee.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Training Requests:**

The Listers requested that two members attend a four day class in Newport for residential data collection on July 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> the cost is \$100.00.

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the Listers to attend the four day class in Newport.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**BA Use Applications:**

Carole Taylor made a motion for the Vermont Agency of Transportation to use the auditorium for a public hearing related to the replacement of Bridge 1 on VT 25B on August 6, 2014.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Evidence of Community Support- ELI:**

Dan Perry made a motion for the Selectboard to sign ELI's letter of support for the assisted living facility.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Authorize to pay Nortrax (New Grader):**

Carole Taylor made a motion to pay for the new grader by taking out a loan totaling \$110,000 from the State's equipment loan program, and drawing \$87,000 from the Town's Highway Capital fund.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**UniFirst Contract:**

The Selectboard declined to sign the UniFirst contract for a 5 year term.

**Paving Bids (send out):**

The Selectboard approved putting out the paving bids and set the deadline for submission of bids for the June 26, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

**Walter Lee Application:**

Randy Moore made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Walter Lee Committee to pay \$800.00 for fencing at Elizabeth's Park.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Minutes:**

Randy Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2014 sign ordinance hearing.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2014 library grant hearing.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the regular Selectboard minutes of May 22, 2014.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Orders:**

Randy Moore made a motion to approve the orders dated June 13, 2014.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Other Business:**

One of the Selectboard members was asked by Ryan Terrill to bring up the expenditure of \$70.00 for a mechanic from P & H to inspect the fuel leak on the aerial truck.

The Selectboard approved the request but is very leery of paying for any further work on the aerial.

It was suggested that camping at the Vermonster be included as a part of the Vermonster's public event permit, just as camping is included in the permit for the Bear Ridge race track.

The building custodian notified the Selectboard that the gymnasium would be closed for a week for annual maintenance.

The Selectboard received a letter from Mrs. Fortunati, requesting that a hearing be held to re-route the lower end of Goshen Road back to its original location.

The Selectboard asked Danielle to write Mrs. Fortunati a letter expressing that they do not wish to hold a hearing for this issue.

**Pole Placement:**

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the pole placement requested from Vermont Telephone Company to move a pole on Old Creamery Road.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Recess- Validation Meeting:**

The Selectboard recessed the regular Selectboard meeting at 7:24 p.m. to attend the validation meeting, scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

Ted Unkles called the Selectboard meeting back to order at 7:33 p.m.

**Resolution:**

Carole Taylor made a motion to adopt the resolution for the validation of the special town meeting held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, in which the warning was mistakenly not published in the newspaper 15 days prior to the date of the special town meeting.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Highway:**

Phil Page expressed his concern that a feasibility study should not be considered for Main Street's west sidewalk project; Phil believes that the project could be completed with funds currently in the Town's Sidewalk fund, without an engineering study. Phil pointed out that the Town currently has a feasibility grant application in progress for the vault area on the east side of Main Street. The state agency that is considering the application says they need a more accurate cost estimate and easements from store owners before the grant can be funded and both of those issues are currently being worked on. Phil also mentioned that the retaining wall that supports the North Pleasant Street sidewalk is starting to collapse and we need an engineering assessment to figure out how to address that problem. Phil also pointed out that the Town needs a full sidewalk inventory to make sure that all of the sidewalks are staying updated and safe.

The Selectboard gave Phil permission to get the ball moving on the west side of Main Street project, and decided to apply for a VTrans Bike Ped grant for a feasibility study on North Pleasant Street.

**Litigation- Executive Session:**

Carole Taylor made a motion to go into executive session at 8:02 p.m. to discussion a litigation issue.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:38 p.m. and adjourned.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Carole P. Taylor, Vice Chair

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Randy L. Moore

\_\_\_\_\_ Lisa D. Sharp

