

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2014

6:30 p.m. at the Bradford Academy

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Thomas E. Unkles, Carole P. Taylor, Daniel A. Perry III,

Board Members Absent: Lisa D. Sharp, Randy L. Moore

Administrative Assistant: Danielle Robinson

Others present: Robert Wing, Skip Barrett, Larry Coffin, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Randy Oakley, Jeffrey Steigler, Cindy Blakeslee, Carol Bean, Dick Covey, C.V. Elms, Robert Riley

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

Public Comment:

Alex Nuti-De Biasi commented that the open meeting law is changing on July 1, 2014, and that the changes will apply to all Town committees/commissions/boards.

Randy Oakley- September Vermonster:

The Selectboard expressed their concerns about camping at the Vermonster. There was discussion about the fire pits, the closeness of the campers, and the number of campers.

Randy Oakley told the Selectboard that the only people he allows to camp at the fairgrounds are vendors and exhibitors, and he is willing to work with the Selectboard/Police Chief to make the camping as safe as possible as he feels if there was no camping allowed it would be a burden to the vendors and drivers who travel here from far away.

Randy Oakley will be meeting with the Police Chief to go over the details of the September event.

Randy Oakley also asked the Selectboard to reconsider the use of the fire department tanker and said he would even consider paying a rental fee to use the tanker during his event.

Presentation on Veterans Monument:

Larry Coffin asked the Selectboard if they would approve the move of the memorial monument from Doe Lane to the front lawn of the Bradford Academy building. The base of the monument needs to be replaced and Larry explained that the plan is to pour a new base this fall and let the concrete cure over the winter. Regardless of whether it is moved, the monument needs to be cleaned for an estimated \$200.00.

Robert Wing let the Board know that he opposed the move of the monument.

Dan Perry made a motion to approve moving the monument to the front lawn of the Bradford Academy building.

MOTION APPROVED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Parks & Recreation Applicant:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve Nila Newstrom-Anaya to the parks and recreation committee with a term to expire in March 31, 2016.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Recreation Director Discussion:

Skip Barrett had worked with a group of community members who made a proposal for the recreation director position that was presented to the Selectboard after Town Meeting 2014. Skip Barrett told the Board that he has been away and upon his return is disappointed to hear that nothing has been done to move forward with the recreation director position.

The Selectboard told Mr. Barrett that they support the idea of a recreation director position but would like a community group to work with the parks and recreation committee and the Selectboard to come up with a solid concept of what the director would do, who the person would report to, etc and present the final proposal to the Selectboard for review.

Bear Ridge Permit Follow Up:

Bear Ridge Speedway was granted a provisional practice permit in which practice sessions were allowed to be held two weekday evenings in May and two weekday evenings in June 2014 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The provisional permit was set to be reviewed by the Selectboard at the end of June 2014 to see if the practice sessions would continue through the racing season or not.

Citizens from Old Post Road, Hackett Hill, and Mink Hill Road wrote letters and voiced their opposition to the practice sessions. Some of the comments that were made included: that the noise level during practice was as loud as a Saturday night, that people cannot enjoy their property, continued practice sessions could cause property values to decrease, that the event benefits few people and disturbs many. The community members present stated that they were not asking to stop the Saturday night races but were strongly opposed to adding any additional practice session during the week.

Bob Riley, who lives in a mobile home on the track during the summer, stated that the practice session benefits a lot of young people who are learning to race, making the race cars better, as well as having an overall safer race on Saturday night and keeping kids out of trouble. Chuck Elms stated that all of the cars have the appropriate mufflers, but he did cut down some trees for parking this year which could be adding to the noise level.

It was suggested by the community members that the practice session be held on Saturday afternoons before the race so that it was all done in one day also, that there be a decibel reading done to have an accurate level of the noise.

The Selectboard did not make a decision on the practice session but would like to continue working with both sides.

Woodsville Guaranty Signer Authorization:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the application for a new credit card with Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank and have Marianne McClure, Town Clerk, and Jennifer Rivers, Town Treasurer be the authorized signers on this account.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Wireless Warranty:

The warranty on the Fortinet device runs out on July 22, 2014. All Access provided the Selectboard with a quote of \$250.00 for the renewal of the device that would cover hardware, web filtering, and technical support.

The Selectboard stated they would like to get more information before they approved.

Paving Bids (Open):

The reclaiming bids were opened and read out loud by the Selectboard Chair:

All State Asphalt 15,229 sq yd at \$1.26 for a total of \$19188.54

Pike Industries 15,230 sq yd at \$1.21 for a total of \$18,428.30

The paving bids were opened and read out loud by the Selectboard Chair:

Blaktop Inc. \$77.15 per ton

Pike Industries \$71.35 per ton

Carole Taylor made a motion to have the Road Commissioner and the Highway Foreman review the bids and award both the reclaiming and paving contracts.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

North Pleasant Street Sidewalk Grant Application:

Dan Perry made a motion to submit the grant application for a feasibility study for the collapsing retaining wall supporting the sidewalk on North Pleasant Street. The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$30,000; the town would be responsible for 10 percent of the project cost (\$3,000).

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

BA Use Applications:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the United Methodist Action Reach Out to use the gymnasium as sleeping quarters on July 13, 2014 through July 19, 2014.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2014.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the orders dated June 27, 2014.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

Dan Perry made a motion to endorse and support the parade on July 17th and give the Merchants Association their early appropriation of \$750.00 towards the parade.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard re-signed the junk ordinance letter for the property at 893 South Main Street as the previous letter had been returned.

The Police Chief made the Selectboard aware that one set of the new digital radios had been placed in one of the cruisers and seems to be working. He also made the Selectboard aware that he has been speaking to the Public Safety Commission about purchasing one taser for the Bradford Police Department.

The Police Chief reported that he would be attending mental health training on July 29, 2014.

Dan Perry made a motion to approve repairing the fuel leak on the aerial truck, not to exceed the amount of \$575.00.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Personnel- Executive Session:

Dan Perry made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 8:00 p.m. and invite Danielle Robinson, Jeffrey Stiegler, and John Hersh.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:59 p.m.

Dan Perry made a motion to give Andy Thibault a merit raise \$1.00, making his hourly rate \$21.00.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

_____ Thomas E. Unkles, Chair

_____ Carole P. Taylor, Vice Chair

_____ Daniel A. Perry III

_____ Randy L. Moore

_____ Lisa D. Sharp