

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD

Regular Selectboard Meeting
ZOOM WEB CONFERENCING
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:30p.m.

In Attendance:

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

Administrative Assistant: Danielle Kingsbury (via web)

Others Present: Skip Barrett, Bob Farnham, Paul Hunt, Jean Carlan, Monique Priestley, Dan Perry IV, Nancy Hanger, Julia Ursaki, Rob Elder, Nancy Jones, Jared Pendak, Brian Schlager, Marcey Carver, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Ryan Terrill, Colin Kennedy, Rita Seto, Cindy Blakeslee, Gary Moore, Iris Johnson

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

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 both telephone and video. 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 or video 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
Meroa Benjamin
Ryan Lockwood
Ted Unkles

Additions & Changes:

None.

Public Comment:

Skip Barrett made the Selectboard aware that the Town was awarded \$20,000 from the Byrne foundation to put towards the pavilion at Elizabeth's Park.

Jean Carlan expressed her concern about the trash and recycling receptacles being removed from Main Street as of April 1, 2021.

The Selectboard did not budget for trash/recycle removal in the 2021 budget.

Energy Committee- Energy Portfolio Account Request:

The energy committee needs electric bills from the town's accounts and passwords, and bills for fuel oil, propane, and kerosene for the past three years in order to complete an Energy Star Portfolio Manager account. The Selectboard encouraged the committee to speak/work with the Town Treasurer regarding this request.

Oxbow Scoping Study Presentation:

On behalf of Dubois & King, Julia Uraski presented the Oxbow Scoping Study to develop a new sidewalk up Goshen Road in order to allow kids to be able to walk from their schools to the Low St. John Forest. The study detailed placing a 5-foot sidewalk on a portion of Goshen Road, as well as excavation work to widen the road. The estimated cost of the project for a 2026 completion is \$1,091,000.00.

It was brought up that the North Pleasant sidewalk is also in need of replacement and has drainage and bank stabilization issues. This project is estimated to be a multi-million-dollar project.

The Selectboard took no action at this time. The presentation will be available on the Bradford website.

Annual Emergency Management Plan:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the 2021 emergency management plan that is outlined for the State of Vermont.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

New Request for Baccalaureate:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the request for Baccalaureate to be held on the front lawn of the Bradford Academy building on the Sunday before Oxbow's graduation.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Road Erosion Inventory (REI) Submittal Form:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the road erosion inventory submittal form.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointed Membership Applications:

The Selectboard requested that Ryan Rebozo attend the next meeting before appointing to the Energy Committee.

Carole Taylor made a motion to appoint Erin Odell and Doug Miller as Listers until next Town Meeting Day 2022.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard asked that Richard Lewis consulting services for the Listers attend the next Selectboard meeting to give details about the services he offers.

Purchase Orders:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve that a window be made inbetween the Town Office and Room 10A, in the amount of \$600.

MOTION PASSED, 4 VOTES IN THE AFFRIMATIVE, 1 VOTE (MEROA BENJAMIN) OBSTAINED.

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve three Office365 licenses for the fire department for \$37.50 per month.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2021.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the orders dated April 23, 2021 in the amount of \$33,802.21.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve Washington Electric to replace polls in the Town right-of-way on Chelsea Road and authorized Phil Page to sign.

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 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 7:53 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.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m.

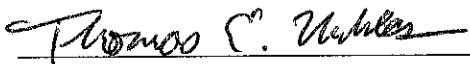
Meroa Benjamin made a motion to give Phil Page a three-month extension for his vacation time.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

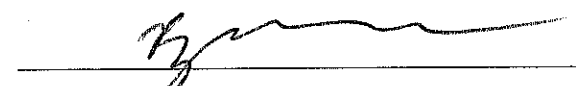
Dan Perry made a motion to offer David Shaffer a full-time police officer position with the Town, with a 1-year contract.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

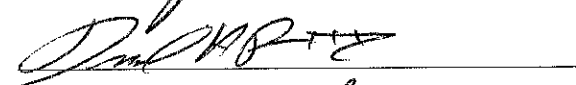
The Selectboard adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



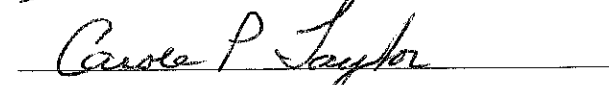
Thomas E. Unkles, Chair



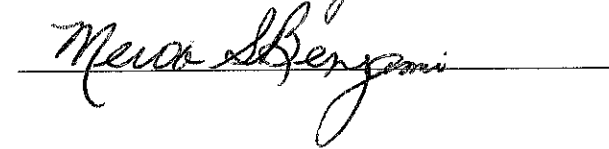
Ryan Lockwood, Vice Chair



Daniel A. Perry III



Carole P. Taylor



Meroa Benjamin