

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD  
Regular Selectboard Meeting  
Bradford Academy Building Room 26 and via Zoom Web Conferencing  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6:30p.m.

In Attendance:

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

**Others Present:** Paul Rivers, Bob Wing, Sonya McLam, Emily Gordon, Hannah Turner, Mark Johnson, Colin Kennedy, Linda Buermeyer, Jean Carlan, Jared Pendak, Paul Hunt, Kendall Gendron (via web)

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

**Additions & Changes:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Outdoor Liquor License- Vittles:**

Simple barrier around the area where alcohol would be served, a chain removable divider. Concerns about the amount of space left on the sidewalk for people to walk by.

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the outdoor liquor license for Vittles with the stipulation that the Selectboard will reassess in three months to see if there are any issues and may contact department of liquor.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**BA Use Applications:**

Request to use the auditorium and stage for Halloween Drag and Burlesque Show and an after party in the gymnasium for the performers and ticket holders.

Concerns about alcohol in the Bradford Academy building and the use of the gym for an after party and causing damages.

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the use of the auditorium, stage on October 15, 2021, from 6pm-12am.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Special Liquor License- Vittles:**

Dan Perry made a motion to deny the request for a special liquor license for the Bradford Academy on October 15, 2021.

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Kendall Gendron made the Selectboard aware that she will not be using the space at the Bradford Academy building for the Halloween Drag and Burlesque Show.

**Old Goshen Church:**

John Fatherly initially approached Carole Taylor and asked if the Town of Bradford would be willing to take over the Old Goshen Church for \$1.00. Carole Taylor asked him if he would do a write up for the Selectboard and what the Selectboard received was a letter regarding needing volunteers to help take care of the church.

If John Fatherly would like for the Town to take over the Old Goshen Church the Selectboard felt that this should go to a town wide vote at Town Meeting Day.

**BA Use Applications:**

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the use of the auditorium for the Celebration of Life for Phyllis Nemhauser on September 25, 2021 from 3pm-5pm.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Dan Perry made a motion to approve Jodi Beebe for a one day acting class and show from 10am-9pm on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve Bradford Youth Sports to use the conference room on the second Wednesday of every month through April 2022.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Dan Perry made a motion to approve parks and recreation use the front lawn of the BA building and the gymnasium as a backup location for rain, for a silent auction on September 18, 2021, from 9am to 12pm.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Purchase Orders:**

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the quote from All-Access for the Sophos firewall renewal in the amount of \$177.55.

MOTION PASSED, 4 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 1 VOTE (CAROLE TAYLOR) RECUSED HERSELF.

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the quote from Perry's Oil for 5000 or more gallons of fuel oil for the BA building at \$2.249.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Minutes:**

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2021.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Orders:**

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the orders dated September 10, 2021, in the amount of \$68,776.61.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

**Other Business:**

Paul Rivers made the Selectboard aware that he could not purchase the sound panels for the conference room in the amount of \$300.00. Paul thinks the panels could be purchased for a couple thousand dollars. Paul will work on getting quotes together.

Ryan Lockwood made the Selectboard aware that he was on a phone call with VLCT and was told that the Selectboard could use the ARAP funds towards upgrading the equipment for hybrid meetings. The Selectboard has already committed to streaming meetings and looks forward to updating their equipment for hybrid meetings.

Bob Wing made the Selectboard aware that there is an alcohol ordinance that was adopted in 1981. The Selectboard will review the ordinance.

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve Mary Dan Pomeroy to attend the Vermont Conference on Recreation at Lake Morey on October 13th through October 14<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Paul Hunt asked if the Selectboard would be willing to spend some of the ARPA funds on the Old Church Theater building and drainage in the area, he would be willing to fill out an application. The Selectboard will be placing guidelines in place for this process.

**Follow Up:**

The Selectboard has reached out to Two Rivers Ottaquechee and VTrans about doing a traffic study near Oxbow down into Main Street.

A dangerous building ordinance was sent to the property own at 105 North Pleasant Street.

**Litigation- Executive Session:**

Carole Taylor made a motion that the Selectboard has determined that a litigation 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.

Carole Taylor made a motion to go into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss a litigation issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1).

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:05 p.m.

**Personnel- Executive Session:**

Carole Taylor 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.

Carole Taylor made a motion to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1).

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:08 p.m.

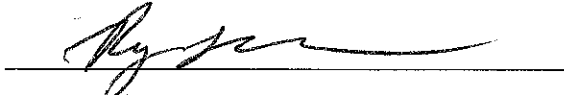
Dan Perry made a motion to extend Russ Robinson's three remaining paid day offs into mid-October.

MOTION PASSED, 4 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 1 VOTE (CAROLE TAYLOR) RECUSED.

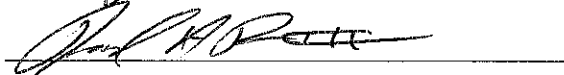
The Selectboard adjourned at 8:08 p.m.




Thomas E. Unkles, Chair



Ryan Lockwood, Vice Chair



Daniel A. Perry III



Carole P. Taylor



Meroa Benjamin