

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD
Regular Selectboard Meeting
Bradford Academy Building Room 26 and via Zoom Web Conferencing
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 11, at 6:30p.m.

In Attendance:

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

Administrative Assistant: Danielle Kingsbury

Others Present: Robert Wing, Donna Wing, Mary Dan Pomeroy, Michael Wright, Marcey Carver, Nancy Jones, G. Martino, Scott Johnson, Russell Robinson, Jean Carlan, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Jean Carlan, April May Reston-Elms, C.V. Butch Elms

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

Additions & Changes:

None.

Public Comment:

Bob Wing made the Selectboard aware that the Public Safety Commission met at Space on Main and wanted to know if this was allowed.

Carole Taylor feels like space at the Bradford Academy building should be used first.

Updated Forest Management Plan- AJ Follensbee & David Paganelli:

The Selectboard reviewed the forest management plan.

Wrights Mountain and Devils Den

Present to the Upper Valley Land Trust

Section that was logged before the town owned it, big ruts in the (filling)

Horseshoes at Elizabeth's Park:

Historical society document states:

"multi-generational playground" 30 years ago there has been a plan in place for horseshoes.

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Committee for a horseshoe pit at Elizabeth's Par with the horseshoe league donating money to the Town and the horseshoe pit belonging to the Town after the purchase.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Proposed dog park packet being sent to the Selectboard.

Parks & Recreation- Revised Payment Plan for Pavilion:

Ted Unkles wrote a letter to Mrs. Bryne about the Walter Lee funds and feels they will meet the raised amount requirement.

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the revised payment plan to include:

Walter Lee Funds: \$30,000
Byrne Foundation: \$20,000
Community Funding: \$9,876
Elizabeth Park CD: \$5,062
BPRC Capital Fund: \$5,062
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Bear Ridge Speedway Permit 2022:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the 2022 bear ridge speedway permit.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Green Procurement Policy:

The Selectboard reviewed the green procurement policy in regards to no new construction containing fossil fuels be installed or added to an addition. The policy would require that the Selectboard find alternatives for water heaters, stoves and ovens (no fossil fuels).

The Energy Committee is asking the Selectboard to adopt procurement policy.

The Selectboard will continue to review the policy, not action taken at this time.

Recreation Economy Planning Grant:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve Marcey Carver, on behalf of the Town, to apply for the Recreation Economy Planning Grant.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Marcey Carver will be the contact person for this grant.

Appropriation Requests:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the following appropriation requests as a slate:
Capstone Community Action \$1,000
Little Rivers Healthcare \$1,500
Library \$61,478
Orange County Parent Child Center \$1,500
The Mentoring Project \$1,500
Green Mountain Economic Development \$1,350.50
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Donna Wing made the Selectboard aware that she believes the library has never been audited.

Policing Policies:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the police use of force policy, body camera policy and internal affairs/citizen complaint policy.
MOTION PASSED, 4 AFFIRMATIVE AND 1 RECUSAL (CAROLE TAYLOR).

BA Use Applications:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the BA use application for the Town Capacity meeting to be held in Room 26 on November 15, 2021, at 6pm.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY MEROA BENJAMIN RECUSED.

Dan Perry made a motion for Carole Taylor to speak with Kelly Spooner and approve application to use room 26, outdoor space or get a protective covering for the gymnasium floor.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Purchase Orders:

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the fire department spend \$2,500 in equipment repair and replacing engine 2 at some point in 2023.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Dan Perry made a motion to approve the purchase of Wi-Fi hot spots for the two cruisers with a monthly expense.

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

Thanksgiving meeting:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to change the Thanksgiving meeting to November 23, 2021.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Ad-Hoc Committee for Room 26 Technology:

Carole Taylor made a motion to appoint Meroa Benjamin as the person to head up the committee.

MOTION PASSED, 4 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 1 RECUSAL (MEROA BENJAMIN).

Minutes:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 2021.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the orders of November 12, 2021, \$60,446.65.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the appropriation orders of November 12, 2021, \$58,668.50.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

None.

Follow Up:

None.

Executive session- Personnel:

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.

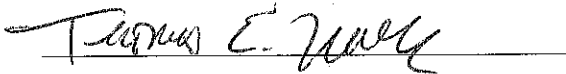
Dan Perry made a motion to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1). and invite Danielle Kingsbury and Russell Robinson to attend the session.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:35 p.m.

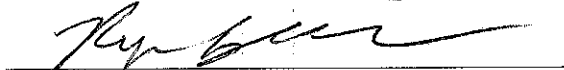
Dan Perry made a motion to increase the police officer's salary as discussed effective immediately.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY (CAROLE RECUSED).

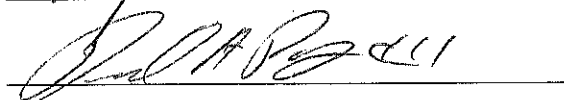
The Selectboard adjourned at 8:36p.m.



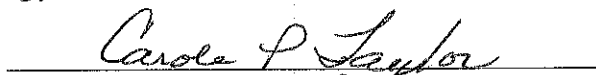
Thomas E. Unkles, Chair



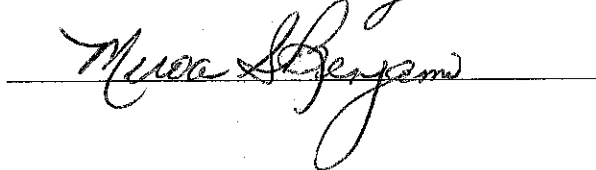
Ryan Lockwood, Vice Chair



Daniel A. Perry III



Carole P. Taylor



Meroa Benjamin