

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD
Regular Selectboard Meeting
Bradford Academy Building Room 26 and via Zoom Web Conferencing
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 6:30p.m.

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Daniel A. Perry III, Carole P. Taylor, Meroa S. Benjamin, Jennifer Whitney,

Board Members Absent: Ryan Lockwood

Others Present: Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Marcey Carver, Nancy Jones, Warren Jones (via web), Paul Hunt, Jason Mosel (via web), Paul Hunt, Michael Wright

Dan Perry, Chair, called the informational meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Additions & Changes to the Agenda:

No BA use applications.

Add litigation to the agenda.

Public Comment:

Paul Hunt made the Selectboard aware that there are mice in the BA building.

Marcey Carver presented the "Declaration of Inclusion" that she would like the Selectboard to sign which states: *"The Town of Bradford Vermont condemns racism and welcomes all persons, regardless of race, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability, and wants everyone to feel safe and welcome in our community. As a town, we formally condemn all discrimination in all of its forms, commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community, and will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies and operating procedures reflect this commitment. The Town of Bradford has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinions."*

The Selectboard will review at a future meeting. The Selectboard has a statement against racism in its personnel policy handbook.

Devil's Den Ultra Oct. 2022 & Race to the Top June 2023 (Jason Mosel):

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the Devil's Den Ultra Run on October 8th, and 9th 2022.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

This is the third year of the Devil's Den run and Jason will also be working with Nancy Jones and the Friends of Wrights Mountain to host the Race to the Top in June of 2023. He will be submitting another application for this event.

Town Owned Land- Holly Property:

Merna Benjamin made a motion to enter into an agreement for the town owned land with Warren and Roberta Jones in the amount of \$8,900.00, Gary Moore as the Town Agent will sign off on the deed.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Special Town Meeting Warning:

Jennifer Whitney made a motion to approve the special meeting warning for the cannabis vote on September 13, 2022.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership Application-ARPA Board:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve Peter Mallary and Brian Schlager to the ARPA Board.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Meroa Shepard made a motion to approve Keith Pendak to the parks and recreation committee.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Tree Removal- Bugbee Landing:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve Woodsman Tree Service to remove trees at Bugbee Landing in the amount of \$2,000, for half of the money to come out of the tree warden fund and the other half out of parks and recreation committee funds which will be offset by the \$1,000 revenue that comes in from the State of Vermont.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Purchase Orders:

The Selectboard would like parks and recreation to meet with the energy committee regarding purchasing LED lights for the pavilion at Elizabeth's Park and then bring back to future meeting.

Park use fees is over \$1800

Jennifer Whitney made a motion to approve the purchase of an ice rink in the not to exceed \$1,700.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2022.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the orders dated July 29, 2022, in the amount of \$22,035.75.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

The Selectboard would like another letter sent to Casella regarding another level of payment regarding trash size. The smallest amount of trash that currently can be brought to the center is a 15-gallon trash bag, which is not a kitchen bag size at 13 gallons. Trash letter- inconsistent pricing at Casella
Also ask about senior citizen discount and resident vs nonresident fees.

Resident asked about police department working nights and weekends.

The Bradford Police Department does both nights and weekends on occasion, no set schedule.

The Selectboard feels that the main street sidewalks are being taken over by sales, from local businesses and would like a letter/email sent to the merchants association that all businesses need to keep the sidewalks handicap assessable.

August 10th at 6:30 meeting ARPA meeting.

Jennifer Whitney commented about the electrical for the lightening at the pavilion and if it was up to code.
Mike Wright stated that there is a temporary line in conduit, and it is safe.

Jennifer Whitney made a motion to spend up to \$5,000 to buy posts to install at the dog park, with the donation money that was raised from parks and recreation committee and placed in the reserve fund.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

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 a 7:37 p.m. to discuss a litigation issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1). and invite Danielle Kingsbury *✓* Marcey Carver.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. with no action.

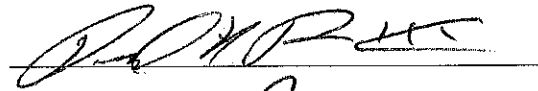
Personnel- Executive Session:

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 a 7:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1). and invite Danielle Kingsbury and Mary Dan Pomeroy.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. and adjourned.



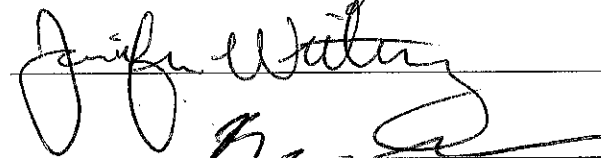
Daniel A. Perry III, Chair



Meroa S. Benjamin, Vice Chair



Carole P. Taylor



Ryan Lockwood



Jennifer Whitney