

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD
Special Selectboard Meeting
Bradford Academy Building Room 26 and via Zoom Web Conferencing
Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 26, 2023, at 6:00p.m.

In Attendance:

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

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Whitney

Others Present: Tom McBride, Gary Moore, Peter Terry, Jared Pendak, Brian Schlager, Ed Wendell, Nancy Jones, Marcey Carver, Elizabeth Towle (via zoom), Jean Carlan (via zoom), Michael Wright (via zoom), Alex Nuti-de Biasi (via zoom), Stu (via zoom)

Dan Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Additions & Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Public Comment:

A few members of the public recommended to the Selectboard that they put money in the budget for an economic developer and/or grant writer.

Tax Map 2023/2024 Contract- CAI Technologies:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the CAI contract for 2023-2024.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

ARPA Sub Committee Report:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve ARPA funds for purchase of a cook stove at the Senior Center in the amount of \$9,200.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Special Liquor License:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve Montview Winery to hold an event at Farmway on February 11, 2023.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Revolving Loan Fund Request:

On behalf of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Peter Terry made the Selectboard aware that there has been a request for \$30,000 from a local company to install a new boiler and support new employees. The committee has reviewed the request and secured the loan

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the request of \$30,000 to be used from the revolving loan fund.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Planning Commission Appointments:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to appoint Jared Pendak to the Planning Commission for remainder of the open term.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant- FD:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$106,239 to purchase fire department equipment.

Federal resources- \$101,180

Town match- \$5,059

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

BA Use Applications:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to open gym on Saturdays from 2-4p.m. January 28th through February 18th.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Purchase Orders:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the wireless proposal from All-Access for the police department to obtain a secure network.

MOTION PASSED, 3 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 1 VOTE (CAROLE TAYLOR)

RECUSED HERSELF.

Carole Taylor made a motion to use Jock Oil quote to purchase 6,000 gallons of oil for the BA building at \$3.70 per gallon.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to approve the minutes January 12, 2023.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Carole Taylor made a motion to approve the orders dated 1/27/23 in the amount of \$77,503.39.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to hold a public hearing for The Space On Main closeout grant on February 23, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

2023 Draft Budget:

Discussed energy coordinator position.

Personnel- Executive Session:

Meroa Benjamin made a motion that the Selectboard has determined that a personnel issue needs to be discussed in executive session because the premature public knowledge would place both the Town and the employee at substantial disadvantage.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Meroa Benjamin made a motion to go into executive session a 7:11 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1). and invite Danielle Kingsbury.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 7:47 p.m.

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the 2023 budget as follows:

Total General Fund \$1,542,653

Less Anticipated Revenue \$180,259

Amount to be Raised \$1,362,394

Total Highway Fund \$1,283,022

Less Anticipated Revenue \$115,450

Amount to be Raised \$1,167, 572

Total Town & Highway \$2,825,675

Less Anticipated Revenue \$295,709

Offset from previous years surplus \$100,000

Total to be Raised by Taxes \$2,429,966

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

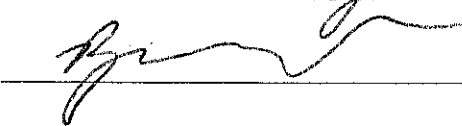
Daniel A. Perry III, Chair



Meroa S. Benjamin, Vice Chair



Carole P. Taylor



Ryan Lockwood

Jennifer Whitney