

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD
REGULAR MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 13, 2023
6:00 p.m. at BA Building Rm 26

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Dan A. Perry III, Michael Wright, Ryan Lockwood, Nikki Stevens

Board Members Absent: Meroa S. Benjamin

Others Present: Bess Friend, Ethan Friend, Molly Morin, Nancy Jones, Jennifer Grossi, Jean Carlan, Donna Wing (via web)

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

Additions & Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Public Comment:

Nancy Jones postponed ribbon cutting ceremony for EV charges in August.

Bradford Public Library- Gail:

Gail from the library has concerns about the number of homeless folks camping and setting up tents on the porch and around the library. She has temporarily shut off the 24-hour Wi-Fi and water spicket, to deter people from hanging out there. She has found pages of books torn out, human feces and vomit. She is afraid for patrons coming in and their families. She made the Police Chief aware, and he stopped and asked people to get off the property.

Parks & Recreation- Grants:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve parks and recreation to move forward with the following three grants for the skatepark:

Dorothy Byrne Foundation- matching grant

VOREC (Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative)- no required match

The Skatepark Project (formerly known as the Tony Hawk Foundation)

The parks and recreation committee will manage and write the grant and they may ask Two Rivers to manage the VOREC grant.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Nikki Stevens made a motion for parks and recreation to apply for the Art and Social Cohesion Grant (VCF) \$10,000 (no match) grant.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY

Parks and Recreation- Mini Skate Ramp:

The parks and recreation committee addressed most of the issues the trustee of public funds brought up, but the liability insurance meeting did not happen because of recent flooding throughout the State.

The Selectboard asked that Jean send VLCT the drawing and ask if they can give approval via email and if they feel safe insuring the structure.

ARPA Funds:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve \$4,600 of ARPA funds to go toward the Bradford Community Garden at Oxbow Highschool.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Warden & Deputy Fire Warden Appointments:

Michael Wright made a motion to appoint Robert Nutting as the fire warden and Ryan Terrill as deputy fire warden for the State of Vermont, term is July 1, 2023, and terminate on June 30, 2028.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Recreation Director Position:

Thoughts about making the recreation director a full-time position.

Revisit at future meeting and rework job description for a full-time position.

Highway- Grants in Aid FY24:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the ditching grant agreement for Fulton Road and Wrights Mountain in the amount of \$18,000.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Washington Electric Pole Placement (Wrights Mtn):

Michael Wright made a motion to approve the permit for Washington Electric for pole placement on Wrights Mountain Road.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Highway- Excavator Out to Bid:

Michael Wright made a motion to put the 2004 excavator out to bid and due back July 27, 2023.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Assembly Permit- Bradford Fair:

Nikki Stevens made a motion to accept the Bradford Fairs public assembly application for 2023.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Conservation- Calendar Company Contract:

Michael Wright made a motion not to approve the purchase of calendars through the Calendar Company unless they can invoice the town or take a purchase order as payment. If the Calendar Company cannot meet these qualifications the board gives permission for the conservation to purchase the calendars through Copies and More, which will be an extra \$200-\$300 more than was originally quoted. from

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Purchase Orders:

None.

Minutes:

Nikki Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2023

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Michael Wright made a motion to approve the orders of 7/14/23 in the amount of \$49,872.33.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

August sign ordinance look at meeting in August 2023.

Meroa Benjamin rejoined the Selectboard meeting (executive session) at 7:20 p.m.

Personnel- Executive Session:

Michael Wright 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.

Michael Wright made a motion to go into executive session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1) and invite Nate Brooks and Danielle Kingsbury.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out executive session at 8:04 p.m.

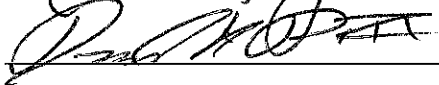
Dan Perry made a motion to approve that the car in the library parking lot be towed as it has been sitting there for two months.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.


The selectboard adjourned at 8:06p.m.



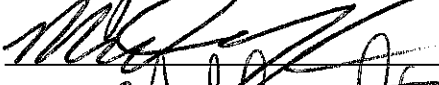
Meroa S. Benjamin, Chair



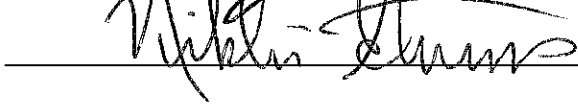
Daniel A. Perry III, Vice Chair



Ryan Lockwood



Michael Wright



Nikki Stevens