

SELECTBOARD- TOWN OF BRADFORD

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 24, 2023

6:00 p.m. at BA Building Rm 26

In Attendance:

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

Others Present: Kevin Geiger, TRORC (via web), Denee Woods (via web), Ed Wendell (via zoom), Paul Rivers, Nancy Jones, Tom McBride, Marcey Carver, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Ryan Terrill (via zoom), Donnalyn Lyon, vera Kidder Merritt, Donna M. Mccann, Molly Morin, Jon Stinson, Elizabeth Friend, Elaina Vitale

Merna Beajamin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Additions & Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Public Comment:

Donnalyn Lyon stated that there is a huge tree that came down at the West Bradford cemetery that has caused a lot of damage to stones and grave sites.

Marcey Carver made the Selectboard aware of a kickoff meeting for the municipal planning grant on housing being held on September 5, 2023, at the regular planning commission meeting.

Donna Mccann stated that there is still a speeding issue on North Main Street, and she would like to see a solution.

Energy Committee- BA Lighting:

Mike Wright made a motion to approve the energy committee's proposals for LED lighting in the BA building to include:

Gymnasium:

Ballast Bypass- \$262.08

Electrician- \$1,360.00 (Eastman Electric)

Auditorium:

LED Plug and Play bulbs- \$176.80

Ladder Extension-\$200.00

All other areas of BA:

LED Plug and Play bulbs- \$822.12

Grand total of \$2,821.00

And come out of the BA building maintenance budget.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Tom McBride will take the lead in ordering the bulbs.

Sign Ordinance Review:

The current sign ordinance needs to be updated. The Board will ask Zoning Administrator to review and update the Sign Ordinance and he would ask the Planning Commission for assistance if warranted. The sign ordinance applications should be going to the zoning administrator and/or the DRB, not the Selectboard.

ARPA Funds:

The Selectboard reviewed the updated forms regarding what the ARPA money has been spent on.

Membership Application- Public Safety:

Dan Perry made a motion to appoint Ted Unkles to the Public Safety Commission.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Training Requests:

Nikki Stevens made a motion to approve Jean Carlan to attend the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association annual conference in the amount of \$220.00 to come out of the recreation director training budget.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Marcey Carver made the Selectboard aware that either she or Ted Unkles will be attending the Town Fair on Tuesday, in regard to short term rentals and community economic development. The cost is \$76.00.

Purchase Orders:

The parks and recreation committee requested to purchase building materials from Oakes for the mini-ramp at Elizabeth's Park (Walter Lee funding) and surface layer from Gator Skin Ramps and steel metal pieces from Rich Franklin.

The Selectboard would like for parks and recreation to fill out the correct purchase order form, make sure that all vendors being used are approved vendors. Also, that the town waiver form that was attached be a legal form, one that comes from VLCT.

The items were tabled until a future meeting.

Minutes:

Mike Wright made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2023.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Orders:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the orders dated August 11, 2023, in the amount of \$77,503.81.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business:

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to approve the proclamation for national assistant living week.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Michael Wright made a motion to approve Thompson Logging to remove the tree that fell in the West Bradford cemetery in the amount of \$3,500 and pursue the landlord for compensation as the tree was on his property and fell on to town property.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Ryan Lockwood made a motion to authorize Meroa Benjamin to sign the mortgage discharge from Bradford Veneer Mill from the towns revolving loan fund, in the amount of \$30,000 and have it recorded.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

Personnel- Executive Session:

Dan Perry 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.

Dan Perry made a motion to go into executive session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1) and invite Danielle Kingsbury, Paul Rivers, and Charlottee Caron.

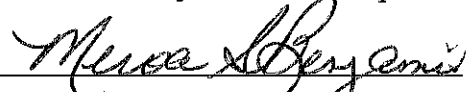
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectboard came out of executive session at 8:40p.m.

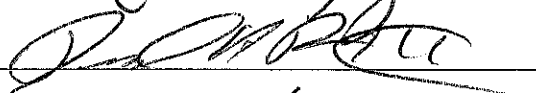
Michael Wright made a motion to hire Paul Rivers as full-time facilities manager, effective immediately.

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

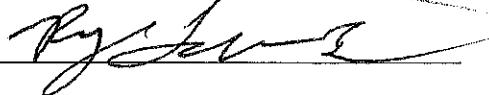
The selectboard adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Meroa S. Benjamin, Chair



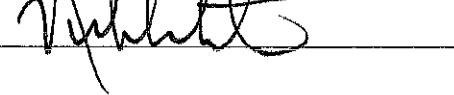
Daniel A. Perry III, Vice Chair



Ryan Lockwood



Michael Wright



Nikki Stevens

