

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The meeting of the Board of Selectment was called to order at 5:38PM in the Town Offices 215 North Main Street on Tuesday September 10, 2019. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis and John Tripp all present.

Jason said that Ted Boulette of East Brookfield would like to meet with North Brookfield BOS and Sewer to discuss extending sewer system into EB. Ashley will email Jim Nyberg to get available dates for the meeting.

Lisa Taylor and Anne Jeanette attended the meeting to discuss a new position that would benefit both of their departments (Tax Collector and Treasurer). The new position would be titled "Assistant TO THE Treasurer and Tax Collector." The position would be learning both departments, have a 19 hour a week work schedule and would earn 16-18 dollars an hour with potential for advancement for the right person. This would be a trusted position, as they would have access to personal and financial information. They would need to be wary of cyber scams. Anne is going to the finance committee to seek their approval and input. Jason motioned to approve moving forward with this position, Dale moved and John seconded the motion. So voted.

GreenGold discussion: Under the Host Community Agreement GreenGold is to pay the Town of North Brookfield up to 3% of their gross monthly revenue. The town hasn't seen this money yet, which is to be split between the Police Department, Fire Department and the remainder to go to a "general fund" for distribution based on a show of need.

John Sameck from Hardwick Winery was present for a one-day liquor license approval to sell bottles of the wine at Brookfield Orchards. Dale motioned, Jason moved, and John seconded the motion to approve the liquor license. So voted. John paid the \$100 fee.

Jason Benoit, Superintendent of Highway, was present to discuss an ongoing issue at 10 Spring St. There is confusion on whether the current or previous owner built the garage and crushed a pipe causing water damage and flooding to property. John Couture later came in to the meeting and said he remembers the garage being built and told the construction company doing the work that if the pipe was broken it is their responsibility to fix. Dale stated that the statute of limitations to recover loss from the construction company was long passed. The BOS, John Couture, and Jason Benoit will have to go to the site itself to see if they can discover the issue and discuss a solution. Jason Benoit mentioned that the pipe alone is \$4,000.00 and he'd have to rent special equipment to do the work as it's in a cramped space.

Cider Mill Bridge-repair was delayed because of Environmental issues but the money is still available to start work next year.

Todd from highway is responsible for most of the mowing and plowing in town, and is complaining of overhanging bushes, trees, and foliage in general that block sidewalks and visibility. Todd wrote up a list of addresses and issues. Ashley will write a letter to residents on the list, as well as residents around Lake Lashaway, to clear the foliage within 30 days. If the resident doesn't clear, then highway will do it. Residents can contact highway if they need assistance in clearing. Ashley will also put a notice up on the town's website.

Jason also mentioned he's been working on fixing issues on Mill St, King Rd, St John St, and clearing debris on Bradshaw St.

Letter from Young Marine units to support their efforts in educating and promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle during Red Ribbon week. Jason motioned, Dale moved and John seconded a motion to support the marines and sign their letter. So voted.

Chief Holway and Deputy Chief Anderson were present to discuss weekend shifts. They wanted a clause to be added that they (and other chiefs) could be eligible for weekend and day shifts, when no other personnel are available. Dale motioned, Jason moved and John seconded the motion to approve a clause to be added to the end of their agreement to reflect this. So voted. Ashley will write add the clause/amendment to the agreement.

Chief Holway updated the BoS about the new and old rescue vehicles. The new rescue is being lettered and fitted for equipment now. The old rescue is being stripped of all valuable equipment and being donated the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency.

Chief Holway also stated they have a meeting with the designers of the new Fire Department on 9/24 to go over preliminary drawings. The chief would like to setup a meeting with the BOS and other departments to go over the drawings.

John Couture discussed the issue at 10 Spring St. Also discussed was road safety-specifically a trailer parked on North Main Street. Dale stated there is a general by-law that says if they vehicle is registered it can be parked on the side of the road (barring a parking ban).

Doug Blood of the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency was in to discuss getting a decent ambulance in trade for the old fire rescue vehicle. Dale moved and John seconded a motion to turn the old fire rescue over to NBEMA for the trade. So voted.

At 7:10PM Jason moved and John seconded a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Barre