

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at the Senior Center at 6:00PM on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis and John Tripp present.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of 12/20. So voted.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Kiley read the warrants: School warrant # 1032 for \$109,535.95, General Warrant #1033 for \$277,616.28 and Payroll Warrant #14 for \$351,035.43. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the warrants. So voted.

Financial Items: Mr. Kiley stated that Budget season is starting. Ashley will find the appropriate forms and letters to get the process started.

Old Business: Mr. Kiley stated that the Treasurer and Collector were wondering about the hiring process for their new position: Assistant to the Treasurer and Collector. Mr. Petraitis said he was fine with them doing the interviews and giving a recommendation to the Board when they're ready to hire. Mr. Kiley and Mr. Tripp agreed.

New Business:

Request for Resources: East Brookfield will be holding a bonfire at Lake Lashaway for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Fire Chief Joe Holway left a note stating EBFD would be available and that the NBFD has been informed and will be available for assistance if needed. Mr. Kiley signed the request.

Robert Locatelli Appointment to Finance Committee: The Board reviewed a request from Robert Locatelli to be reappointed to the Finance Committee. The Board believes the committee is full at this time but will check with them to see if they are in need of alternates.

Fire Report for December 2019: Mr. Petraitis read the Fire Report submitted by Chief Holway. Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to accept the report. So voted.

Ashley reappointed as Environmental Certifying Officer: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to reappoint Ashley as the ECO. So voted.

Memorandum of Understanding: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept and sign the memorandum of understanding between CMRPC and the Town of North Brookfield pertaining to the FY20 Community Development Fund Application and Implementation. So voted.

Letter of Support for Age Friendly Community: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to send the letter of support submitted by Diane Nichols. So voted.

Contract for FD grant: Chief Holway submitted grant paperwork and contracts for a grant he was awarded. The grant will pay for a special washing machine that cleans turnout gear. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to make Chief Joe Holway an authorized signor on the grant. So voted.

Public Comment: Mr. Kiley opened the floor for public comment. Mr. Brandon Avery asked about the status of "No Littering" signs that were requested last year. Ashley will follow up with Jason Benoit. Mr. Avery stated he's been picking up trash, an entire trash bag worth of trash, along with bags of Christmas

cookies and Chinese food. Mr. Avery stated how unsightly the litter is, how it will attract rodents, and how unfair it is for residents who participate in the Spring Clean up to have to clean up all that trash. The selectmen agreed and will follow up with highway about the signs.

Announcements: Mr. Kiley said at the next televised meeting we will have a promotional celebration for Officer Chris Donais, who will be promoted to Sergeant. Chief Smith will provide light refreshments.

Mr. Kiley said on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM the Harlem Rockets will be having a game at the NB High School gymnasium. Mr. Kiley will be playing in the game and invited everyone to come watch.

Mr. Kiley announced that on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 is the Annual Hearts for Heat Fundraiser/Spaghetti Dinner at the elementary school.

Mr. Petraitis wanted to put an item on the agenda for future discussion: Complaints about Charter/Spectrum. There have been many complaints about channels being dropped and the inability to get cable and internet in many areas of town. Residents are being asked to pay thousands of dollars for a hookup. Our contract is expiring in May of 2021.

Mr. Tripp mentioned he's received an offer of a donation of steel bars to help build gates on the rail trail.

There being no further business at 6:30PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation. Roll call: Kiley, yes; Petraitis, yes; Tripp, yes. So voted. Mr. Petraitis noted that the Board would exit Executive Session only to adjourn.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:18PM. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre