

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order on ZOOM (online meeting software) at 6:00PM on Tuesday, March 24, 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 from 3/17/20. So voted.

Trevor from the Board of Health joined the meeting to give us an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Trevor the Board a letter with a list of things they've been doing and needs for this crisis. The Board has applied for funds from the state to cover activities not normally budgeted during this time. As of the time of this meeting they were granted \$5000.00 but were hoping to get more. The Recycling Center remains open and they're developing a system to keep everyone safe and socially distant. Plastics are left outside for 7 days to ensure no contamination, and bailed as normal. Employees are equipped with masks and gloves. Trevor requested an increase in hours for the BOH Clerk, who's been working much more during this crisis. Mr. Kiley told Trevor to staff what needs to be staffed. North Brookfield has declared a State of Emergency in hopes that funds lost during this time can be recovered, if they can't then NB does have money in the stabilization account. Trevor also touched on his communication with NBEMA and our first responders, ensuring there is enough PPE for everyone He spoke about plans for the school grounds in case it becomes a vaccination center. Trevor thanked the Board for all of their support, and thanked Brian Tessier, BOH Clerk, for all of his hard work during this difficult time.

Finally, Trevor wants everyone to know if they are feeling symptomatic, they can call 211 and someone will help you. There can be long wait times, but if you leave your phone number they will call back.

61a release for the property listed as 77 and 81 West Brookfield Road. Planning and Conservation have already waived their right of refusal. Mr. Kiley asked if the Board had any objections, they did not. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the 61a release first right of refusal. So voted.

Invoice #1 from West Side Infrastructure study grant: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve and sign the invoice. So voted.

NBEMA appointments: Director of NBEMA Sgt Chris Donais requested to have the BOS appoint new members to NBEMA: Lt. George Nolette, Nicholas Newman, and David Holmes. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Mr. Nolette, Mr. Newman and Mr. Holmes to the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency. So voted.

Purple Heart Bill-We received the invoice for the purple heart signs, Mr. Kiley asked Ashley to do a Fin Comm request.

STM Articles: The April 7<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting will be postponed to the Annual Town Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Anne Janette, Town Treasurer, had asked about paying non-essential employees that have been ordered to stay home (Governor Baker's orders). Mr. Kiley said we should continue processing their pay as usual, as this was not their doing.

SPED request: The Board received a last minute SPED request. Mr. Kiley confirmed with Tom that there was money in the account. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Trip seconded a motion, to approve the SPED request for \$4,138.00. So voted.

Tara Hayes let us know that Ian from CMPRC would be joining our next meeting to get approval on West Side Infrastructure engineer.

Mr. Tripp asked if there were any quotes received on the Bates Observatory project. Mr. Petraitis said he received one and will be getting more this week.

Mr. Tripp noted that a lot of people have been using the Rail Trail.

There being no further business, at 6:35PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre