

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the North Brookfield Police Department. John Tripp and Brooke Canada present.

Mr. Tripp noted that Mr. Petraitis is on vacation, Mr. Tripp will act as chair and hold an abbreviated meeting.

Approval of Warrants: Mrs. Canada moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Payroll # 11 for \$339,548.56, School # 1025 for \$98,735.78, General # 1026 for \$907,285.97 and General # 1027 for \$5,829.03. So voted.

New Business:

Brandon Avery appointment to Downtown Development Committee-Mr. Tripp said we would pass over this and take up again at the next meeting.

Clark and Green Contract Amendment: Mr. Tripp explained this amendment will allow Clark and Green to put bid information for the Senior Center project through their online system. Mrs. Canada moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the amendment. So voted.

CDBG Grant extension: Mrs. Canada moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the CDBG grant extension. So voted.

Request for Resources: NBHelps/Santa Parade, Mr. Tripp said the Fire Chief and Police Chief have both approved the request. Mr. Tripp said it will be a fun time, details of the event are on Facebook. There will be a parade from the Elementary School to the little Park, Tim from Brookfield Orchards said he could organize a hay ride. The Committee will start decorating this Saturday morning, weather permitted, and volunteers are welcome. Mrs. Canada moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the request. So voted.

Accept Resignation Letter: Mrs. Canada read a letter from Sue Lewandowski wishing to resign from Cultural Council, Downtown Development Committee and NBHelps. She will remain on NBEMA and Town House Committee. Mrs. Canada moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to accept Sue Lewandowski's resignation. So voted.

Accept Resignation Letter: Mr. Tripp stated that we received a resignation letter from Chris Hickman on the School Committee. Mr. Tripp said the letter is quite lengthy and they may read it at the next meeting. Mrs. Canada moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the resignation of Chris Hickman. So voted. Mrs. Canada noted that the School Committee has already announced the resignation and they are accepting applicants to fill the position, all applicants must submit their requests to the School Committee by 5:00PM on November 29, she noted that Chris's resignation is a big loss.

Public Comment:

Brandon Avery said the Chicken BBQ will be back for Memorial Day, the church will be celebrating it's 200th anniversary after the Memorial Day Services.

Brandon also said the museum will be open Saturday 11-3, this will be the last regular opening, then it will be by appointment only. Heating conditions prevent him being in the building too long. He said there's a historical display at the High School and he'd love student's feedback.

Mr. Tripp said that Brandon is an excellent asset to the Town and he's looking to get the museum into a dry, warm place, he thanked Brandon for his energy and knowledge.

Mr. Tripp said that NBHelps can always use donations, the greenery and wreath frames were donated. If you are making a donation, please write NBHelps in the memo line of the check. Mr. Tripp said that Tara Hayes will be lighting the Christmas Tree this year; the tree was donated to the Town by Tara and Brian Hayes in Memory of Tara's son Jamie.

Brandon said there would be cookies with Santa before the parade at the library.

Announcements:

The Special Town Meeting will take place Thursday, December 1, 2022, 6:30PM, at the Elementary School Auditorium. The warrant was read aloud.

Mrs. Canada announced that there are several committees looking for volunteers: School Committee, Downtown Development Committee, Cultural Council, Town Beach, and Fence Viewer. There is a form you can request from the Selectmen's office, get that signed by the Chair of the committee you are applying for, and then Board of Selectmen can give final approval.

There being no further business, at 6:23PM Mrs. Canada moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre