

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 on a virtual ZOOM meeting. Dale Kiley and John Tripp present. Jason Petraitis joined at 6:26PM.

Warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll #22 for \$327,428.20, General Expenses #1054 for \$249,431.40, School Expenses #1053 for \$86,312.11. So voted.

Nancy Nykiel was present to discuss her position as accountant. Dale thanked Nancy for filling in temporarily while we find a new account, it's a big relief to the Board. Dale stated he would like if Nancy could get things in order, process business as usual, and train a new accountant when we find one. Nancy stated she would do that and they discussed her pay rate. She's returned to previous places of employment and she's received forty to fifty dollars an hour to go back. Nancy said this is a busy time of year, Dale agreed and said it would be a good time for someone to start training. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley second a motion to pay Nancy \$40/hour. So voted. Mr. Kiley will put Nancy's appointment and rate in writing.

PILOT agreements were moved to next week to verify information. Ashley will ask the Board of Assessors about decommissioning bonds.

Sheila Orsi from the Downtown Development Committee joined to share progress on the Complete Streets Program. Sheila will join us once a month to update the Board. Sheila read her write up. A few key points: DDC will now be regularly updating the website with agendas and minutes. There have been delays in many aspects due to COVID-19. Engineering costs associated with Complete Streets projects are not covered by grant funding, which is usually about 10% of total project cost. North Brookfield could be eligible for up to \$500,000 a year in grant funding through this program. Ashley (Admin Asst to BOS) and Jason Benoit (Highway Super) will have to collaborate with CMRPC and others to complete the grants. A goal of the DDC, outside of projects associated with Complete Streets, is to help develop a Business Economical Development Committee in North Brookfield. This will most likely get going in the Fall.

Appointments: Glenna Stocks requested to join the Downtown Development Committee. Ashley verified with Sheila Orsi, who is excited to have Glenna. Ashley will get a form from Glenna. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Glenna Stocks to the Downtown Development Committee. So voted.

At 6:28PM, there being no further business, Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre