

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM at the Town offices on May 19, 2020. Mr. Kiley, Mr. Petraitis, and Mr. Tripp present.

John Tripp met with Ken (Urashish)* at the Bates Observatory. Ken wants to rebuild it out of his own pocket. Jeff Samuelson said he'd work with Ken to get the bottom half roofed and Ken will start rebuilding next year.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve and sign the contract with Lenard Engineering for the West Side Infrastructure Study. So voted.

Mr. Tripp asked about burning the wood at the Town Pit, Mr. Petraitis spoke with Fire Chief Holway who's happy to help with the burn any time.

CDBG invoice: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Invoice #3 for the CDBG grant. So voted.

Power Management Agreement: Mr. Kiley spoke to a rep from Power Management about gas rates, this is lowest price they've seen for some time. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter into a 3 year agreement with Power Management. So voted.

Holly Kularski, VSO, asked about getting gold lights to light up Town for Memorial Day. Mr. Kiley told her to find a gold light and he would be happy to light up the copula or Town park with the light.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve transfer request from the Town Clerk. So voted. This transfer is to purchase a new voting machine, as the ones we have are getting old and the parts are no longer made.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the articles for the Special Town Meeting warrant. So voted.

Ashley received a complaint letter from Mr. Richardson Prouty regarding a visit to Hannaford's where he saw several customers without masks. He asked an employee who said they were instructed not to make customers wear masks. The Board discussed the Governor's orders. After discussion, The Board of Selectmen voted not to authorize the use of North Brookfield PD ch 40 sect 21D authority to enforce any of the Governor's or North Brookfield BOH orders. The Police will continue to keep the peace using all discretionary power available to them and enforce all violations of Mass Gen Law or local By-laws adopted by Town Meeting vote. The Board authorized the chair to draft a response to Mr. Prouty's complaint. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to not authorize the use of North Brookfield PD ch 40 sect 21D authority to enforce any of the Governor's or North Brookfield BOH orders. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis asked about getting a credit card. Anne Jannette found a bank that will do a municipal credit card, so the purchase would have to be approved first, and then funds moved, to make the purchase. Mr. Petraitis said he'd be fine with that.

There being no further business, at 7:30PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre