

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:07PM on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 6:07PM. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis, and John Tripp present.

Contract Lease: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the lease agreement for the Town Offices and sign the contract. So voted.

The Board discussed giving money for Memorial Day services to the VFW, American Legion, and pay Byron Ake for recording the small ceremony that took place. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to give \$280.00 each to the American Legion and VFW, and \$40.00 to Byron Ake. So voted.

Cares Act: Mr. Kiley applied for grant funding through the CARES act which helps municipalities deal with the financial burden of the COVID 19 pandemic. North Brookfield was granted \$423,000, we received \$207,000 now and the rest later. We have until December to spend the money on COVID related items and then the balance will be returned to the state.

Nancy (Town Accountant) came in to discuss transfer requests, the Board will be holding off on the Police Department transfers until they get more clarification.

Reserve fund request: BOS is requesting reserve fund money to cover the cost of the EAP for Doane and Horse Pond dams. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve and pass along to the Finance Committee. So voted.

BOS transfer request: BOS submitted a request to transfer from various accounts to cover negative balances. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve. So voted.

BOS transfer request: BOS submitted a request to transfer \$3462.50 from Town Beach Purchase of Service to BOS Purchase of service. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve this request. So voted.

BOS transfer request: BOS submitted a request to transfer \$1000.00 from Town Beach Supplies to BOS Purchase of Service. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve this request. So voted.

4<sup>th</sup> of July event: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter into a contract with Dynamic Lasers, to put on a show for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the common. So voted. Mr. Kiley clarified that as of this BOS meeting the Governors orders state that you can gather outside if you can socially distance. There will be bands, a DJ, kids activities, and a parade starting at 10AM.

Mr. Kiley said that Jim Buzzell asked the BOS if he could place a banner on the Town House to advertise virtual programming they will be offering. Mr. Petraitis said sure, and Mr. Tripp said don't scratch the paint.

Mr. Kiley discussed making a "land trade" with East Brookfield. East Brookfield has been giving North Brookfield a hard time with their (NB's) plan to clear and use the portion of rail trail in North Brookfield. Mr. Kiley wondered if the Board would be interested in seeing if EB would trade the NBRR Co's EB portion of the trail for full possession the Town Beach on Lake Lashaway. Mr. Tripp doesn't want to give up the EB portion of the trail.

There was discussion about National Grid requesting plans from NBRR for the parking lot. NBRR does not have specific plans yet. Mr. Tripp spoke with NG and verified that the railroads "vision" of a parking lot will not interfere with National Grids access to their poles and wires.

At 6:35 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss complaints against an employee. Roll call: Kiley, yes; Petraitis, yes; Tripp, yes. So voted. Mr. Kiley announced that the Board would exit Executive Session to reconvene in open session.

At 7:08 PM the Board came out of Executive Session. Roll call: Kiley, yes; Petraitis, yes; Tripp, yes.

Brandon Avery donated \$300 to the Rail Trail gift account to pay for rip rap on the trail. Mr. Avery is on the Conservation committee. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept the gift. So voted.

Mr. Tripp said he spoke with Fire Chief Joe Holway, Chief Holway wants the Highway Mechanic to fix the Buffalo Fire truck. The Board agreed that the fire truck should be repaired with donation money, and not with town money.

Mr. Kiley questioned if the highway mechanic was still working for the Town, Kim (admin asst) told Anne Janette that Scott's last day was June 30<sup>th</sup> and he was using all of this saved up sick and vacation time. Scott told everyone he was leaving, but never submitted anything in writing. Jason Benoit informed the Board that Scott was still working for the Town, he had worked his new job for 1 day and came back to Town.

Mr. Petraitis asked about the gymnasium floor at the school. Mr. Lind has received 2 quotes and is trying to get another. Mr. Petraitis said now is the time to do the repairs as school is out.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre