

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting was called to order at 6:03PM on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at the North Brookfield Police Department. 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 7/7 and 7/14 (joint FinComm/BOS) meetings. So voted.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: FY 20 School #1069 for \$45,907.84, FY 20 General #1070 for \$73,486.52, FY 21 Payroll #2 for \$302,532.79, FY 21 CDBG #1001 for \$18,984.19, FY 21 Sewer Debt #1002 for \$152,256.25 and FY 21 Gen & School #1003 for \$82,084.39. So voted.

### Financial:

Approve CARES Fund Act Funds: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve CARES Act funds to pay expenses for Board of Health and School. So voted.

-There was a brief discussion with John Alphin from the BOH regarding the roll off carts and social distancing at the recycling center.

-Mr. Petraitis asked John Alphin about filling out vouchers when submitting invoices. John stated that Brian had worked out an electronic system with Tom. Mr. Petraitis stated that Nancy would like Brian to fill out the vouchers physically and pass them into her with the appropriate signatures.

Approve CDBG#6: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the CDBG Invoice #6 for \$3,177.62. So voted.

### Old Business:

-Approve Highway Fuel Bid: Mr. Kiley and the Board are not in favor of signing the bid as it does not clearly state an adjustment clause. We need to be sure the adjustment clause is included because the Town lost money last year when the price dropped but we were locked in at the higher rate.

-Recycle Center Revenue: Mr. Kiley stated that Lisa Taylor was informed that the BOH would not be sending out demand notices or placing liens for unpaid recycle bills, which is OK, because it is a user fee. John Alphin stated that there is a long history behind the fees and demand process and he'd rather talk to Fin Comm about it. He stated that the Board of Health legally has to track where waste in town is going. In the past there were issues with many people using one person's sticker. Also, they need to make sure no one is illegally dumping or burning their trash. They have a process for determining who is using legitimate trash removal services and they ask anyone not purchasing a sticker to provide proof of trash removal. Mr. Kiley asked why the BOH is leaving several thousands of dollars uncollected. John said that the BOH never said they weren't going to collect the fees. Mr. Kiley stated that in FY19 about \$6000.00 was uncollected or "lost" and in FY20 that amount was about \$7000.00. There was more discussion about a lawsuit that happened in Spencer regarding their dump fees. John suggested that they table the discussion for a Fin Comm meeting.

### New Business:

-Yearly appointment list: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the Appointed Officials list. So voted.

There was discussion about how to join a committee and possibly consolidating a few committees into one Recreation Committee. Mr. Kiley has tried to do that in the past but no one showed interest. Brief discussion about elected officials vs. appointed officials.

-CMRPC Extension: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign a contract with CMRPC to extend the deadline for the MVP Planning Grant. So voted.

-Library Roof Contract: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve and sign the contract with Raymond James to repair the library roof. So voted.

-PVPC House Rehab: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign a contract with PVPC regarding a home renovation through CDBG FY19 Grant. So voted.

-NBHelps Christmas in July Tollbooth: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve a request to have an event at the intersection of Summer and School Street. So voted. (Chief of Police previously approved request)

Brooks Pond Association: The Board of Selectmen received a letter from the Brooks Pond Association detailing issues with parking, littering, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on and around the pond. Several members of the association, neighbors, and concerned citizens came to the meeting to discuss the issues.

Mr. Kiley stated that he saw first hand the issues, as he drives that road regularly. He had taken a video and pictures and sent them to the Chief of Police. He asked the Chief to post No Parking signs on both sides of the road. John Alphin stated that people are pulling the no parking and no littering signs down. Residents have been calling the BOH for help. Mr. Kiley stated he had read the minutes from the BOH meeting, Mr. Alphin then read the minutes from the BOH meeting.

There was a lot of discussion among the residents, BOS and BOH (John Alphin). Some notes: the parking lot is small to reflect the size of the beach. There was a port-o-potty at the beach but it was blown up. Signs for social distancing were ripped down within 3 days. Boating hours are 8am to 8pm, people are still on the pond past 8pm. Beer cans and liquor bottles all over the beach and sides of the road. Tires left on the beach. Alcohol consumption is especially concerning as people spend the day either on the boat or on the beach drinking and then drive away.

A resident asked if the gravel pit trucks were allowed to operate on the weekends, Mr. Kiley stated he didn't believe there was a bi-law in North Brookfield restricting their operations. John Alphin stated that there is a bi-law but many years ago the BOS told Conservation Commission they wouldn't enforce it. Mr. Kiley said if Conservation Commission wants to enforce the bi-law then the BOS would support it.

In conclusion the BOS is asking the North Brookfield Police Department to enforce the no parking, and no littering laws. The BOS will also put the portable electronic sign at the NB side Brooks Pond Road stating that there is no street parking for the length of the road. Mr. Kiley is going to write a letter to the Spencer to inform them of their decision and to ask that they do the same.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to post Brooks Pond Road as no street parking in North Brookfield. So voted.

Public Comment:

Kathy Crevier asked what was happening at the old Time Out. There is a winery/brewery going in.

Mr. Kiley noted that south of Ward Street has been zoned for retail marijuana distribution.

Kathy Crevier asked about a Community Garden. Fitzgerald Pucci said he's involved in starting one but they need a forester, a surveyor, and a well. Fitzgerald said that someone has set aside private property to make the garden. Kathy is looking for Town-owned property and would like raised beds for ease of gardening. Mr. Kiley told Kathy to develop a plan and bring it to the Board.

Mr. Petraitis went over the quotes for the replacing the locker room floors at the school. The school received 2 quotes, they tried to get three but were unsuccessful. The first quote was for \$68,408 which included ripping out and removing existing failing tiles and replacing with epoxy (flake finish and skid proof) in the gym, locker rooms, and lavatories. The second quote was for \$48,532 and included everything in the first quote plus replacing VCT by the Gym. The lower of the two quotes was from Nash Contracting, a local company.

Kathy Crevier asked who was paying for the floor, Mr. Kiley said it would come out of Capital Stabilization (pending vote at STM). There was a discussion about the lack of school funding from the state.

Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to accept and approve the quote from Nash Contracting to replace the floors at the school. So voted. Mr. Petraitis recused himself from the vote as he occasionally does work with Nash.

Mr. Kiley noted that the Building Inspector issued a cease and desist to the school two years ago because of the safety issues caused by the failing floors. Ashley is going to ask the school to prepare pictures of the damaged floors for the STM.

John Alphin came back to the meeting to make a correction, the BOH did not put liens on for unpaid dump fees. He stated that for all intents and purposes the BOH just wants to make sure that people are not illegally dumping their trash.

John Alphin and Fitzgerald Pucci had a discussion about the recycling center. John stated he would like to give Fitzgerald a tour of the center, it is a reward winning program and rated the best facility in Massachusetts.

At 7:23 PM, there being no further business, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre