

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at the Senior Center on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:18PM. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis and John Tripp all present.

Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve the following warrants: General Fund warrant # 1038 for \$211,371.92, School warrant # 1037 for \$118,971.90, Payroll warrant # 16 for \$332,764.16. So voted.

Appointment of new Police Officer is moved to next week.

Senior Center Conduct Policy- Mr. Kiley asked Diane to go over the policy. She had an issue a while back and the Board had asked her to write up a policy, she had another issue in December and so finalized the policy for the Board's approval. Dale asked what we would consider offensive language? Diane said vulgar language, cussing ect. Dale asked her to change offensive to vulgar. Mr. Tripp told Diane to make sure she documents all incidents. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the Senior Center Conduct Policy with the wording change. So voted.

Brandon Avery was present and asked about removing trees near the new town sign. Mr. Tripp said that all trees would be removed because we are re-doing the park. Brandon stated that the Vibram employees like to sit in the shade provided by the trees. John stated that some of the trees are dead and others are disrupting the sidewalk. We don't have a specific plan for the park yet but are working on it. Brandon asked about the flagpole, John believes Vibram, not the Town, owns it, but will check.

Dale stated he just submitted a grant application for the NBRR Rail Trail to get \$60,000.00 for the design and plan.

At 6:30PM Mr. Kiley opened the Public Hearing regarding a joint North Brookfield and Brookfield grant application. Ian McElwee was present to go over the details and passed out a handout. CDGB (Community Development Block Grant) -FY20-Federal Grant Program. Ian asked the Board to authorize the joint application. The projects covered by this grant will include housing rehab in each town, and some improvements to the Senior Center, namely, a new roof and one level flooring, as well as the grant administration costs charged by CMRPC and PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will administer the housing portion of this grant as they have staff trained). Mr. Kiley asked if the Town's needed to match funds, Ian said no, no match is required. A resident of Brookfield asked about last year's waiting list, Ian confirmed that any previous year's waiting lists for Housing Rehab were still active. PVPC will work from existing list and reach out to see if they are still in need.

Financial Breakdown of Grant application: 14 housing units for \$441,000.00, Senior Center improvements for \$113,000.00 and Grant administration for \$75,000.00.

Ian indicated that North Brookfield would be in good standing to apply for grant's next year. Brookfield's eligibility status is unknown at this time because their FY18 Grant hadn't met certain requirements, however; he indicated that Brookfield should have time to meet the requirements before the March 16th deadline.

Clarence Snyder, Vice Chair of Brookfield Board of Selectmen, encouraged the NBBOS to approve this application. Brookfield has 7 people on the wait list, and all of the Brookfields are facing an affordability issue.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to support and approve the submission of a joint FY20 CDGB Grant application including the activities as presented today (with allowance for minor budget or program adjustments), and to authorize the Chair and CFO to sign all documents required for the application. So voted.

Mr. Kiley read an announcement from the Town Clerk regarding the upcoming Town Elections. If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please see Tara at the Town Offices.

At 7:00PM, there being no further business, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre