

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM at the North Brookfield Police Department on Tuesday, December, 22, 2020. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis, and John Tripp present.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 11/17. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 12/2. So voted. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 12/8. So voted.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll # 13 for \$412,354.71, CMRPC # 1029 for \$48,043.99, School # 1030 for \$151,725.42, and General #1031 for \$124,426.19. So voted.

CARES Act Approval: A request for turnout gear repair was submitted, this is tabled until we find out if this is covered by CARES. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve an invoice for \$800.00 for the Senior Center to purchase a remote scanner. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the TPX invoices. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve a Spectrum invoice for \$198.00 for installation of internet at the Senior Center and Highway. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve an WB Mason Invoice. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve several invoices for the school for sprayers, speech therapy, and paraprofessional services. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve an invoice from Dell for laptops. So voted.

Transfer request: The BOS submitted a request to transfer \$45.63 from Town Office expense to Selectmen Advertising, to cover a negative balance. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the transfer request. So voted.

License Renewals: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the Annual License renewals. So voted. Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Tripp read the list of renewed licenses.

Keith Tytula, and Roger and Cindy Larson were present to discuss the license fees for Common Ground Cider Works. ABCC required the business to obtain 3 liquor licenses: 1 for Farmer Winery, 1 for Farmer Brewery, and 1 combined license that allows the beer and wine to be drunk at the same location. Roger Larson had questioned ABCC on why they needed a third license and even they admitted that it was redundant. The Board of Selectmen set the fees for licenses and will try to reduce or eliminate the third license fee if allowed. Because the BOS reports alcohol fees to ABCC, Ashley will have to check with ABCC on the requirements of the fee schedule. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to table the discussion until more research is done. So voted.

Keith Tytula asked if the Town-owned land behind Common Ground could be used for walking trails. Mr. Kiley suggested that they ask Conservation Commission about this request. If Conservation is ok with it, the BOS support the idea.

Public Comment:

Brandon Avery stated that it's been a tough year, but there's been a lot of progress in Town. He stated his appreciation for the BOS and all the hard work they've put in.

Tina Floria stated that Highway did a great job in the recent snowstorm.

Tax Rate: The tax rate for 2021 has been set to \$15.74, it went up from \$15.42 in 2020.

At 6:38PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate. Roll Call: Kiley, yes; Petraitis, yes; Tripp, yes. So voted. Mr. Petraitis noted that the Board would exit Executive Session only to adjourn.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:15PM. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre