

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:03PM on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Dale Kiley and John Tripp present. Jason Petraitis arrived at 6:13PM.

Approval of Warrant: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve Payroll Warrant #15 for \$341,537.74, School Warrant #1036 for \$119,176.39, General Warrant # 1037 for \$166,849.44. So voted.

CARES Act Approval: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve CARES act funds for the school for speech therapy and the HVAC system. So voted.

Old Business: Plowing/Mailbox policy, Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the policy. So voted.

New Business:

- a. Appraisal Services: Mr. Kiley asked if we could get a less expensive company. Mr. Tripp suggested we only need one type of appraisal, not both, and that will decrease the cost. This item will be tabled for now.
- b. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to sign a letter for the Treasurer regarding Sewer. So voted. The letter was verifying that the Town doesn't have outside vendors/contractors working for Sewer and that the Town runs the department itself.
- c. Chapter 90 Reimbursement request: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded a motion to approve two Chapter 90 Reimbursement requests. So voted.

Public Comment:

Brandon Avery asked the BOS if they've got new goals/objectives for 2021. Mr. Tripp stated he's got some ideas. He ordered gates for the rail trail and Mr. Kiley is applying for a rail trail grant to possibly get signage.

The Board of Health stated they are trying to get a COVID-19 vaccination center in Town, Trevor indicated it may be a roaming clinic. There is a sign-up document on the Town's website, please fill this out to get on the list and the BOH will contact you.

Kathy Crevier stated she called the BOH and they explained what needs to be done, but she's concerned about the Seniors that are not computer literate. Mr. Kiley said that Trevor is on top of getting in contact with the Seniors. Mr. Kiley said he could send out a CODE Red call to residents in Town. Kathy was concerned for those not signed up for CODE Red. Mr. Kiley said Seniors can call the Town Offices and either Ashley or Tara will help them sign up for CODE Red.

Mr. Kiley said he's been hearing that more of the vaccination is becoming available. There may be another vaccination coming, 1 dose that doesn't need to be frozen. This will cut down on how long it takes to get the vaccine. There is roughly 7 minutes of paperwork when you get the 2-dose vaccination.

Brandon Avery asked for an update on the new Fire Department building. Mr. Kiley said we are holding off until we know how much the Sewer project will cost. There is another property being looked at, but we are doing our due diligence to make sure it will be cost effective.

Mr. Tripp asked what was going on with the Town Beach Committee, nothing at the moment. He also asked what the Playground Committee was planning for this year, he stated that with the field at the common and at the school the grass is overgrown and taking over the baseball diamonds. John offered to help on three separate occasions but they refused.

Mr. Kiley said we have money in the Beach Committee budget, but no one to interact with East Brookfield. Kathy Crevier spoke about the Town's 175th anniversary and a triathlon that was held with swimming at Lake Lashaway.

Mr. Kiley announced that there will be a public forum on ZOOM regarding the Open Space part of the Master Plan. The public is invited to attend on Thursday, February 4th at 6:30PM. The link for the ZOOM meeting is posted on the Town's website.

Kathy Crevier commended NBHelps for their efforts in decorating the Town. It brightens people's spirits.

There being no further business, at 6:39PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre