

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, July 6th, 2021 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis, John Tripp present.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the minutes for 4/13, 4/13 exec, and 4/20. So voted.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: FY 21 School # 1070 for \$78,800.79, General # 1071 for \$145,120.87, Payroll # 27 for \$222,460.44; FY 22 General # 1000 for \$945,913.92 and Payroll # 1 for \$79,395.44. So voted.

Financial Items:

Transfer Requests-

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve COA request to transfer \$75.00 from COA Program Asst to COA Janitor Salary to cover extra hours for Elections. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Water request to transfer \$5000 from Heating Fuel to System Improvement to cover cost of water main breaks. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Water request to transfer \$2000 from Water Other to System Improvement to cover cost of breaks and repairs. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Playground request to transfer \$552 from Playground Salary, \$4870 from Purchase of Service, and \$800 from electric to Supplies to purchase a new mower for the Playground. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Police request to transfer \$77.08 from Vehicle and Police Supplies to Office Supplies. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Police request to transfer \$408.68 from Career Incentive to Part time salary. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Police request to transfer \$502.32 from Shift Differential to Part time salary. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Police request to transfer \$1000 from Training to Overtime. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Police request to transfer \$650.00 from Uniforms to Vehicle Repairs to cover cost of breaks and battery on cruiser. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Water request to transfer \$7800 from Chemicals to System Improvement. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Highway request to transfer \$2000 from Highway Police Detail to Vehicle Maintenance to cover cost of pressure washer. So voted.

Reserve Fund:

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Police request to transfer \$1165 from Reserve Fund to Police facility expense to cover cost of fan replacement on AC condenser. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Police request to transfer \$12,030.31 from Reserve Fund to Police equipment repair to cover cost of mandated radio upgrade. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve Downtown Development Committee request to transfer \$10,800.00 from Reserve Fund to pay for preliminary plans on 2020 Complete Streets project to BSC Group. So voted.

Mr. Kiley said the event on the Common on 7/5 was very successful, it was put together quickly, and no Town money was spent. The laser show was paid for in FY 20 but had to be cancelled due to COVID. Mr. Kiley thanked Mr. Tripp for electrical work he did and for cooking and arranging donations. He thanked Mr. Petraitis for organizing the parade, dunk tank, and getting in contact with the Army-Thanked Sergeant Walker from U.S. Army for her service and for helping with the event. Mr. Kiley financed the music and thanked Mikey Splaine for giving him a break on the price. He thanked Hannaford for giving us hot dogs. He was able to get 200 Table top pies, chips, soda and condiments through donations. Mr. Kiley made several trips to the store throughout the day to restock. Mr. Kiley thanked Karen Kiley, Michelle Petraitis, Mindy Tripp, and Jimmy Milner for their help. They cooked, moved equipment, and generally did a lot of work. He thanked Donnie Berthiaume for securing the dunk tank and military vehicles. Thank you to the PD, Fire, and EMS for their services, and Water Department for supplying water and sprinkler. Mr. Kiley asked Sgt. Walker to convey our thanks to her unit. More thanks for the following people/businesses: Brookfield Orchards, Firehouse Entertainment, DJ Daroux came Monday 2-4, Spencer FD, Brain Madden for the dunk tank, Tim Canada dunk tank participant, Jeff Anderson, who sings at 308, came for free from 4-6 and left extension cords for the band, Joe Jablonski did a ton of work on the common and organizing the parade, Tina Floria for rock painting, about 400 rocks were used, Kim Bent for help with the parade and face painting, Shane Marts from Dynamic FX-laser show, he was very accommodating. He thanked SONG (501 c3) for the bounce house, Wally Connor helped with that, Bond for trucks in the parade, portable toilets and supplied the rocks for painting. Alex from NB liquors donated soda, water and ice, John from Dollar General donated supplies. Kevin Valeri from Hannaford, Shane Chabot provided propane for the grill and laser show. John Tripp also provided propane. Still Hart's and Common Ground for serving on the Common. Mr. Kiley also thanked everyone that entered the parade last minute, and NBEMA helped with traffic. Chief Smith echoed Mr. Kiley's thanks and agreed that everything went well.

Mr. Kiley said there may be a Fireworks display next year, someone suggested an end of summer celebration. Mr. Tripp said we will start a donation fund/account for next year's 4th of July Celebration. There was \$545 raised for the Police Boat. Mr. Tripp thanked everyone for not making a mess, there was very little to clean up.

Old Business:

Fuel Storage License for CCS Realty: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the Fuel Storage License. So voted.

Safety Committee Recommendation for Walker Road: Chief Smith was present, the Safety Committee met the previous Wednesday and decided to keep Walker Road open. It's a through way for Emergency Services if there's a tree or power lines down. Highway will post speed limit signs, kids at play signs, and the Chief hopes to move the electronic speed monitoring sign to Walker Rd. Amanda Bellerive was present and asked about putting up a trail cam or a gate at the end that doesn't lock. Chief Smith said he'd discuss it with the Safety Committee. The also discussed a speed assessment but agree that it could increase the speed if the average is high. Chief Smith told the Walker Road neighbors to keep police informed of pattern of speeder and the PD will do everything they can to help.

New Business:

Part Time Police Officer appointment: Chief Smith introduced Officer Leon Muraguri, they met through Sgt. Churchey. Chief Smith was impressed with Leon and said he's proud to welcome him to his department and asks the Board to appoint Leon Muraguri to part time police officer. Mr. Kiley reviewed Leon's resume and was also impressed, he said that Chief Smith has never steered them wrong with an appointment. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Leon Muraguri to Part Time Police Officer. So voted.

Appt to DDC: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Eva Brown to Downtown Development Committee. So voted.

Appt to COA and Beach Committee: Michelle Thayer requested to be appointed to Council on Aging and Beach Committee. Debbie Maggio told Michelle she was moving out of Town, Michelle met with the COA and met Kathy Crevier who asked Michelle to join the Beach Committee. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Michelle Thayer to Council on Aging and Beach Committee. So voted.

Resignation: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to accept Joseph Jablonski's resignation from the Beach Committee. So voted.

Mr. Kiley mentioned making a Recreation Committee, but it's difficult to find volunteers that will be active. We currently have 2 Playground Committee members that don't participate on the committee, one of which has moved out of Town. The Playground Committee is elected position, but since there's a vacancy the Board can appoint someone to fill the position until May (elections). The Town could also vote to make the Playground Committee appointed positions. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to appoint Salvatore Branciforte to the Playground Committee. So voted.

Brandon Avery said they are looking for members for Conservation Commission, they are down to 3 and it should be 5.

The Board made some adjustments to the appointment list and will do the yearly appointments next meeting.

Mr. Kiley said Ron Ryel asked permission to start planning and developing a stage type pavilion on the Common, it would be done with donations and Donnie Berthiaume would help with the labor.

Sgt. Chris Donais requested that Michael Hinkley and Andrew Crosby be appointed to NBEMA, the Selectmen agreed to add them to the appointment list.

Public Comment:

Patrick (didn't identify himself) asked what happened with the vote for Article 16 at the Annual Town Meeting and if the board is moving forward with the repairs. Mr. Kiley said no, they won't be moving forward with the repairs for four or five reasons: legally the Town can't spend public funds for private gain. We don't have the money; the Town voted to give the school over \$435,000 more than we can afford. When the Town appropriates money it's an authorization to spend money, not a mandate to spend it. Mr. Arnold mentioned four or five times the gray water brook, I don't know why people think it's a Town responsibility to fix. Mr. Arnold also made a comment about ice and water in the road causing accidents; Mr. Kiley confirmed with Police and Highway that there have been no traffic issues for the last 10 years at least. Mr. Kiley said we'd love to help but we can't. The Town has spent money trying to fix the issue in the past, Ray Blake tried to help by spending \$3000 on tree removal. Town Counsel and Department of Revenue have both said we can't spend money on the issue, it has to be mutually beneficial to a large part of the Town.

At 7:13PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to enter Executive Session to conduct union negotiations. 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 8:26PM. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre