

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:10PM at the Town Offices. Jason Petraitis and John Tripp were present.

Mr. Tripp spoke about Vibram's ZBA hearing the evening before (3/21). He said Vibram claims to have enough parking for their employees but they need to get them to stop parking on the street. Mr. Petraitis suggested there be a 2-hour parking sign and to get a letter to Richard Caron about it and asked the PD to enforce it.

Mr. Tripp would like to see if there's funding available to pave behind PD for municipal parking. Mr. Petraitis said there's also other uses for that land, Mr. Tripp noted a Life Flight Zone across from the Pizza Palace.

Ethan Melad said there are EAA grants but he's unsure of the deadline, they're typically big grants and could fund infrastructure such as parking.

Mr. Petraitis noted it should be added to the Capital Improvement Plan, along with the helipad and a mower.

Mr. Petraitis asked Ethan if there were going to be movies next to PD this year, Ethan wasn't sure.

Sidewalk Grant-Ethan said Sheila Orsi's been trying to coordinate, Mr. Tripp said that Sheila told Jason Benoit to talk directly with Bill Paille, Bill sent an email to Jason Benoit confirming some changes that were requested. Mr. Tripp noted that we asked Bill to remove the bump outs. Mr. Petraitis said the plans drawn up by BSC Group were gorgeous but there's problems with parking; eliminating spots, and practical issues such as plowing and sweeping; there will be a lot more hours devoted to cleaning North Main Street. Mr. Petraitis apologized for miscommunication, not sure where it happened among the DDC, Bill, and Board. He also noted that some of the planned placement for trees would block views. Ethan Melad said it was planned this way to make things safer with the bump outs and extended sidewalks. He asked if we could keep some and eliminate others and said that Bill Paille mentioned he's got some ideas for painting/grids. Ethan also said BSC group is ready to send the project out to bid as soon as final drawing is ready.

Mr. Petraitis said he'd like to meet with Bill Paille to discuss changes at a BOS meeting. Ethan said he would call Bill and plan a meeting. He also stated there's about \$50,000 worth of Sewer/Water lines with this project that we could use ARPA funds for.

Finance Committee Appointments: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to appoint Kathy Crevier as a full-time member, and Michael Zalansky as an alternate, to the Finance Committee. So voted.

Mr. Tripp asked if we need an architect for planned renovations at the Fire House, Mr. Petraitis said yes we do. Mr. Tripp asked about the other buildings (old highway barn and Huck's) Mr. Petraitis said no, we are just fixing things and that anything under 35,000 sq. ft needs a construction supervisor. He noted he would take a look at Hucks' with Mr. Tripp the following afternoon.

Mr. Tripp asked about meeting with Green Gold and said he would remind Mr. Kiley to reach out to setup a meeting.

Police Boat: Mr. Petraitis said we have a boat sitting at Hank's and have some money donated for that (about \$6,000). He has several people wanting to do fundraisers, but he needs the Police Chief to say the PD needs the boat and why. He also noted that Donnie Berthiaume is looking to see if there's any money available from the state.

Mr. Petraitis asked Ashley contact Hank's to discuss making a deposit on the boat. Mr. Tripp asked who the boat would belong to, Mr. Petraitis said it would be the police boat, but technically owned by the Town. Mr. Petraitis said the cost of the boat is about \$37,000.00.

Mr. Tripp said Vibram would pay to re-do the wall near the corner park, replace the railing, and make it handicap accessible, as part of their plans for a new addition on the building.

Mr. Petraitis said the DDC should be made aware Vibram's plans to it can be incorporated in the plans from BSC group.

Mr. Tripp wanted to know about the building on Nursery Ave that was burnt out. Mr. Petraitis said that was the Board of Health. Mr. Tripp said there are other rundown properties in Town. Mr. Petraitis said the Assessor's would know who owns the building and asked Mr. Tripp to get a list of rundown properties to send to the BoH and ask for their thoughts on what to do.

Mr. Tripp said some properties in East Brookfield are encroaching on the Rail trail and dumping their grass clippings. He'd like Mr. Kiley to write up a lease agreement or ask them to move their belongings off the RT property. He also wants to ask Mr. Kiley if he sent a letter to Chase Precast regarding property in back with bins.

Mr. Tripp said the sidearm on the Highway's mower is broken, they've put \$10,000 into that equipment this year and it still needs another \$5,000-\$10,000 to mow the sides of the road. Scott said he can no longer get parts for it because its 25 years old. They're wondering if they should keep dumping money into it. Mr. Petraitis said they could look into getting a mower from an off-lease program. It could save the Town up to \$40,000 versus buying a brand-new mower.

Mr. Petraitis mentioned getting a band for 4th of July and would like to plan a Memorial Day Parade, he thinks he can get bag-pipers. Mr. Tripp said we should get Veterans and Armed Forces people to come out too.

At 7:18PM there being no further business, Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre