

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:01PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Jason Petraitis and John Tripp present.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll # 24A for \$2,624.10, Payroll # 24 for \$351,985.80, CDBG # 1059 for \$24,653.61, General # 1058 for \$165,017.63, and School # 1057 for \$15,121.53. So voted.

Financial: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve a reserve fund request for \$3,000.00 to be transferred to Highway Vehicle Maintenance to emergency transmission repair on 2000 F450. So voted.

New Business:

CMRPC Contract Amendment: CMRPC asked that we sign a new contract with Jason Petraitis as Chair. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to sign the contract. So voted.

Letter of Support for FOTH: Mr. Tripp read a letter from the Friends of the Town House. They are asking the Board to sign the letter of support to help with grant applications. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to sign the letter. So voted.

Request for Resources: Jillian Phillips with the Board of Health submitted a request for resources for National Night Out on August 2, 2022. Mr. Tripp asked if there would be free bicycle helmets, she said she spoke with Chief Smith, they provided free helmets. She also stated this a nation-wide event that's been happening since the 1970's to help strengthen the community through getting to know the police and neighbors. Mr. Tripp asked if Jillian got permission from the Playground Committee to host this event, she said yes, she's been in touch with them. She is just starting the planning process for this event. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to give initial approval for the event. So voted.

Special Election Dates: Mr. Petraitis announced the Special Election to determine the next Selectboard member would take place the same day as the state primaries, September 6. We are having it on this date to save close to \$3,000.00. Mr. Petraitis announced the timeline and dates for nomination papers to be taken out, submitted, and withdrawn, as well as the last days to register to vote and post the warrants. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to set the Special Election date for September 6, 2022. So voted.

USDA Grant and Loan paperwork: Mr. Petraitis explained this is for the Sewer upgrade. We were hoping for 30-40% in grants, but were approved for 74% of 13.1-million-dollar project (9.8 million dollars in grants). Mr. Petraitis thanked the USDA and Jim Nyberg. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to sign the paperwork. So voted.

Jillian Phillips asked about debt exclusion and Mr. Petraitis explained.

Public Comment:

Brandon Avery thanked volunteers from town for helping clean up the rail trail and stain and seal benches. Mr. Tripp noted that Brandon, along with other volunteers, having been doing a lot to keep the

Town and Rail Trail clean and thanked them. He said there are people dumping trash along the trail, we need to figure out who it is and fine them.

Mr. Tripp gave updates on the rail trail, stating that gravel will be going down soon. He also said the softball field is done, the bases are locked in the shed, contact the Playground Committee if you need to use them.

Jillian asked if there are trash barrels along the rail trail or downtown. Mr. Tripp said they were removed from Main Street because people were filling them with their house trash instead of using the recycling center. Brandon said it wouldn't be hard to bring a trash bag with you and collect trash along the trail.

Brandon said he painted the posts around the score board at the softball field, and he has more paint if someone is willing to scrape and paint the scoreboard.

Mr. Tripp said he will be placing flowers at the little park this weekend.

Announcements:

Mark Schreiber will hold an RC Car race on May 30th from 11 to 2:30PM. Details can be found on Facebook.

Memorial Day events will start at 8:00am at Elm St Cemetery, 8:30 St Joe's, 9:00 in front of church. There will be no parade but they are trying to raise funds to hold a 4th of July Parade and Family Fun Day.

At 6:27PM, there being no further business, Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to enter into executive session to discuss complaints against a public officer. So voted. Roll Call: Petraitis, yes; Tripp, yes. Mr. Petraitis noted the Board would only exit executive session to adjourn.

At 7:33Pm the Board exited executive session. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre