

TOWN OF BRADFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA MINUTES
6:00 PM Thursday, December 18, 2014

Item 1. Open meeting. Chairman Edward Nevells opened the meeting at 6:01PM. Selectmen Bruce Bailey and Vance Corliss were both absent at the start of the meeting, but arrived approximately 6:35 and 7:35, respectively.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes. Selectman Errol Hanson made a motion and Selectman Ronald Jack 2nd to accept the December 4, minutes as read. Selectman Ed Nevells made a motion and Selectman Errol Hanson 2nd to amend the December 4th minutes to include, "The selectmen discussed the hiring process before reviewing the applicants," under Item 7. New Business, a. Town Manager. All in favor of the amendment. All in favor of the amended minutes. Selectman Errol Hanson made a motion and Selectman Ronald Jack 2nd to approve the December 8 minutes, as read. All in favor. Selectman Ronald Jack made a motion and Selectman Errol Hanson 2nd to accept the December 15 minutes, as read. All in favor. Selectman Ronald Jack made a motion and Selectman Errol Hanson 2nd to accept the December 16 minutes, as read. All in favor.

Item 3: BOS Concerns:

- a. **Bruce Bailey.** Absent.
- b. **Vance Corliss.** Absent.
- c. **Errol Hanson.** He mentioned he thought the Fire dept should be plowed out earlier. Also, someone questioned him about seeing the town truck at the store. Luke had been working late.
- d. **Ronald Jack.** Blinking light needs to be fixed. Scheduling boom truck has been the issue. Suggested calling Corinth FD and maybe Rob Young.
- e. **Edward Nevells.** None.

Item 4. Open Session.

Dawna Durant was present and requested leniency on the foreclosure of her property. She agreed to pay the 2012 taxes in January 2015 in the amount of \$394.91, and then make monthly payment of \$100.00 from February through September, until all taxes are paid in full. Selectman Ronald Jack made a motion and Selectman Errol Hanson 2nd to accept this arrangement, reserving the right to foreclosure. All in favor.

Rhonda Sperry, the new Superintendent of Schools of MSAD/RSU 64, was present to introduce herself and answer any questions the Board may have had. There was brief discussion regarding the construction schedule of the new K-5 building in Corinth. The plan is for occupancy to take place in August of 2016.

Item 5. Committee Reports.

- a. **Planning Board.** None.
- b. **CEO.** Update on trash on the Middle Road.
- c. **Recreation Committee.** None.
- d. **Fire Department.** Pump tests were completed on trucks. Truck 17-2 has bearings going bad and they will need to be

replaced. This will put the truck out of service while it is being fixed. The cost to fix will also be several thousand dollars. Northeast Emergency Apparatus will do the repairs. They are looking to replace the gas meter. They are using \$1000 from their budget towards the purchase of the new turnout gear.

- e. **Road Commissioner.** None.

Item 6. Old Business.

- a. **Batteries for generators.** Errol will check with Atkinson to see if he has replaced the batteries. We do not have an invoice, as yet.
- b. **TIF consultant.** Selectman Ronald Jack made a motion and Selectman Ed Nevells 2nd to hire Raegan LaRochelle for the new TIF. After some discussion, Ron rescinded his motion and Ed rescinded his 2nd.
Selectman Bruce Bailey made a motion and Selectman Ronald Jack 2nd hiring John Cleveland for the New TIF. After more discussion, Bruce rescinded his motion and Ron rescinded his 2nd.
Selectman Ronald Jack made a motion and Selectman Errol Hanson 2nd to Hire Raegan LaRochelle of Eaton and Peabody for the new TIF if she will agree to lower her max to \$10,000. If not, then we will hire John Cleveland for the new TIF. All in favor.
Selectman Ronald Jack made a motion and Selectman Bruce Bailey 2nd to hire Raegan LaRochelle from Eaton and Peabody to do the amended TIF. All in favor.
- c. **Budget.** Selectman reviewed the budget with Dusty's numbers for the fire dept. Agreed to use his numbers. Reviewed the recreation request from Recreation Chairman Nicole Kelley. BOS opted to keep their figures due to the amount of money in savings and reserve for the rec.

Item 7. New Business.

- a. **January 1, 2015 meeting.** Selectman Bruce Bailey made a motion and Selectman Vance Corliss 2nd that due to the first Thursday in January being a holiday, the BOS meetings will be held on January 8th and 22nd. All in favor.
- b. **Municipal Quit Claim deeds.** Signed seven deeds. For the three that remain unpaid, Selectman Vance Corliss made a motion and Selectman Errol Hanson 2nd to contact Diana Downs and have her give us her thoughts on market value for the three properties so we may set minimum bid prices and have her handle the foreclosure auctions. They also wish for her to include the Old Town Hall in the auctions. All in favor.
- c. **Audit Engagement Letter.** Signed.

Item 8. Correspondence.

- a. **Charleston Church.** Acknowledged.

Item 9. Request for Additional Agenda Items. None.

Item 10. Review of Treasurer's Warrants - #'s 73, 74, 75. Signed.

Item 11. Executive Session.

a. 1 MRSA 405 6 (a).

Selectman Ed Nevells made a motion and Selectman Vance Corliss 2nd to go into executive session under 1 MRSA 405 6 (a) for the purpose of discussing and/or choosing Town Manager position at 9:03PM. All in favor.

Selectman Ronald Jack made a motion and Selectman Vance Corliss 2nd to come out of executive session at 10:03PM. All in favor.

Selectman Bruce Bailey made a motion and Selectman Errol Hanson 2nd to have Chairman Ed Nevells contact Vittoria Stevens and offer her the position of Town Manager for the price she quoted in her interview, pending a background check. Four in favor. Selectman Ronald Jack opposed.

Item 12. Adjournment. Chairman Ed Nevells adjourned the meeting at 10:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Jones, Town Manager

Vance Corliss

Errol Hanson

Bruce Bailey

Edward Nevells

Ronald Jack