

TOWN OF BRADFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA and MINUTES
6:00 PM Monday, April 22, 2019

Item 1. Open meeting: 6:08 p.m.

Present: Bruce Bailey, Carlene Oakes, Samantha Saunders, Tim Bubar (late),
Vance Corliss (late)

Item 2. Approval of March 25, 2019 minutes - Motion made by Selectman C. Oakes and 2nd by Selectman S. Saunders to accept minutes as presented.

Vote 3 in favor 0 nay 2 absent Motion Carries

Item 3. Review of Treasurer's Warrants: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 29 - acted on

Item 4. Open Session: E. Nevells would like the Rec. closet left open on Friday nights.

Selectman C. Oakes stated that would not be a problem. D. Kelley stated that he believed that there was a policy made years ago that any work that the town was planning to have done that would cost more than \$1,000 needed to be put out to bid. He wanted to know why the work being done at the fire station was not put out to bid. Selectman B. Bailey said that the contractors could only give estimates, because no one really knew the exact work needed until they tore into the wall and took the old shingles off the roof. D. Kelley also wanted to know why the current contractor did not stop working on the building after the town was notified that he was not following OSHA rules. M. Stevens wanted to know if there was a policy in place that prohibits town employees from walking onto someone's personal property or entering someone's home without being invited. The board did not know of such a policy.

Item 5. Committee Reports:

- a. Planning Board:** Will be holding a public hearing on May 6th at 6:30 p.m. for the proposed disc golf course to be located on the Reeves Rd.. Selectman C. Oakes made a motion that the board sign the letter that the planning board recommended sending to a local business in town that has plans for expansion. 2nd by Selectman B. Bailey. No Discussion. Vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed. The motion carries. All members of the board signed the letter.
- b. Recreation Committee:** no report this week
- c. Fire Department:** Chief Kelley reported that Mike Robinson picked up the EMS truck 2 weeks ago because the motor was skipping. He has determined that it needs a new motor. Otherwise, the truck is in good working order. Rust repair was done last year, but that is only a temporary fix. A new motor was estimated to cost \$5,000. Selectman C. Oakes suggested taking the money from the department's savings account. Chief Kelley has submitted 2 donation requests for a new EMS truck. 1 request has been rejected, and he has not heard back from the other. Selectman C. Oakes told Chief Kelley that the town manager's email is currently down, which is why he has not received the email he was

expecting. Also, the town manager wanted to know if the department would wash the debris off of the bridges in town soon, as the state told her it needed to be done while the water is high and moving quickly. Chief Kelley will not wash the bridges until he received written confirmation from the state that it is okay to do so. Selectman T. Bubar will make calls to get a 2nd opinion on the EMS truck's motor. Chief Kelley also wanted to know when the board voted on having T. Morgan perform the work on the fire station building. Selectman S. Saunders looked back in meeting minutes and determined it was discussed on 3/11/19 and also on 3/25/19 it was stated that T. Morgan would begin work the following Wednesday.

- d. **Road Commissioner:** Selectman C. Oakes would like to begin planning for road work that we will be doing this summer, including adding gravel to Reeves Rd, Wilder Davis Rd, Gravy Lane and the Jones Rd. Also, the Jones Rd and Gravy Lane definitely need culverts. Gravy Lane may need some ditching. 3 culverts are needed on the Charleston Rd. Middle Rd bridge needs to be sandblasted, and R. Higgins is waiting on reclaimed pavement to fix the Lagrange Rd. L. Ahmed stated that the Boyd Lake Rd needs about 30 loads of gravel, and he believes the town should add 5-6 loads per year for the next 4-5 years to get that task finished.
- e. **Town Manager:** absent

Item 6. Old Business

- a. **Personnel Policy** - waiting for response from the lawyer

Item 7. New Business

- a. **Scholarship** - The board will take the 8 scholarship essays home to deliberate and bring their rankings back at the next meeting. Selectman S. Saunders suggested that because the board has their own funds now, the board may want to give out more than 1 scholarship. They will also deliberate on how many they would like to award and discuss at the next meeting.
- b. **Next meeting dates May 6th and May 20th** (*Bruce is moving his play practice to the 13th, so he doesn't have to wait until after the public hearing on the 6th. He will not be having practice on the 20th.*)
- c. Selectman C. Oakes noticed in the MMA Municipal Officer's Manual (page 35) that budget amounts should not be raised on the town meeting floor. She made a motion to go back to the original amount recommended for the Fire Department Stipends of \$6,150. 2nd by T. Bubar. Chief Kelley was not happy, stating that the trucks need to be repaired/replaced and the building needs a lot of repairs, but the board won't support them when the town's people voted to raise their stipends on the town meeting floor. E. Nevells stated that he believed the amount is not actually written in the article, but underneath as "budget committee recommends". He believes that the town changed it to be written that way so the

amounts could be raised on the floor at town meeting if necessary. Selectman S. Saunders will check with MMA. Motion was tabled until next meeting.

Item 8. BOS Concerns:

- B. Bailey** - none
- T. Bubar** - none
- V. Corliss** - none
- C. Oakes** - none
- S. Saunders** - none

Item 9. Correspondence: Info from school budget meeting on April 9, 2019. No hard numbers yet. All selectmen received a hard copy of the official audit report.

Item 10. Request for Additional Agenda Items: Selectman S. Saunders would like to add discussion of a cemetery policy to the next agenda.

Item 11. Executive Session: none

Item 12. Adjourn: 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Samantha Saunders – Chairman of the Board

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Bruce Bailey

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Carlene Oakes

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Timothy Bubar

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Vance Corliss