

TOWN OF BRADFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN / AGENDA
Monday, May 10, 2021
@ 6:00 pm

Item 1. Open meeting: 6:00 pm

Attendance: Bruce Bailey, Carlene Oakes, Errol Hanson, Samantha Saunders

Absent: Timothy Bubar

Item 2. Approval of April 26, 2021 minutes- Motion made by Selectman C. Oakes and 2nd by Selectman S. Saunders to accept the April 26th minutes as presented.

Vote 3 in the positive 0 in the negative

Item 3. Review of Treasurer's Warrants: 29 and 30 Acted on

Item 4. Open Session: D. Brasslett, C. Knight, D. Kelley, E. Nevells, P. Nevells, J. Young, J. McCarthy, K. Muir

J. McCarthy- Auto Show Bradford Days, would like the minutes posted faster

D. Kelley- would like to know what the Board is going to do about the letter that the Board received from the 3 area Fire Chiefs. Responds from Selectman E. Hanson is that we are looking into everything. Also spoke about masks not being worn at a call on 05/08/2021.

C. Knight- spoke about his name and another fire fighter name being brought up in executive session and were not asked to be part of the executive session.

Item 5. Committee Reports:

a. Planning Board / CEO:

b. Future Fire Station Committee:

c. Recreation Committee/ Bradford Days committee: no written report-

d. Fire Department: Has and will continue to reach out to other fire Chief's in the area for support and guidance. Missed two EMS calls in one day noon and 2pm called and informed the Chief they were not in Town and could not respond. Mayo responded without Bradford Licensed EMS.

e. Road Commissioner: One side of the guard rails is repaired Huntington Bridge- Snow Plow Contract side. Will come back and fix the Town side once work slows down if we don't get someone else to repair it first. The work underneath is completed it is prime and ready to be painted. The remaining steel work also needs to be scrapped and painted. Bean will leave the staging up for a short period for the Town to find someone to paint it. The person he had in mind doesn't have time to do it.

f. Town Manager: Looked into the grant information talked to the Corrina Town Manager they did not receive the Grant from Goldman's office they were put on a list to receive the information when it comes out, we are now on that list. The stream grant they did receive 2 out of the 44 given out there was 45 applications. It cost

Corrina approximately \$17,000 for each grant I have the name of their grant writer now. It is opening up again in August. We do have the money in the account if you would like to go this route.

Did over 70 registrations last week, 58 of them could of have been done on line

Item 6. Old Business:

- a. **Premium Choice Broadband- Bill Varney-** spoke to the Board in having the Town partner with Premium Choice Broadband in supporting the upgrading of the broadband in Bradford through the ARPA funds. A grant the Town may receive from the State and it has limited spending rules. Looking on the web site it is looking that Bradford could receive \$120,000. This upgrade would cover 39 miles of line work in Bradford. If poles and wires are not up to code they need to be replaced. This upgrade should affect the majority of the residents of Bradford. Those it won't reach are people off the grid or those that live a distance into the woods. They continue to apply for grants and invest into the project. They are looking for a letter of support. **Motion made** by Selectman S. Saunders and 2nd by Selectman C. Oakes to have the Town Manager to create a letter in supporting the partnership of investing in to the updating of Bradford's broadband through the ARPA funds.

Vote 3 in favor 0 in the negative 1 abstention family employment
Motion Carries

- b. **Budget Committee vote on warrant – Budget members present-** Jenny Worster, Michael Michaud, Brian Parker, Edward Nevells, Erik Hanson, Jason Spearing, Ronald Jack, Dustin Kelley, reviewed articles 17 – 26 all articles were voted on and carried to be supported by the Budget Committee as written except Article 18- discussion to increase the Fire Dept. budget to \$62,950.00, an increase by \$5,000. Voted on an accepted with the increase. **Motion made** by E. Nevells and 2nd by E. Hanson to accept budget articles as written and discussed.

Vote 8 in favor 0 in the negative Motion Passes

Item 7. New Business:

- a. **Motion to have a Shorten Election Time Line for an upcoming Selectman's position.** **Motion made** by Selectman C. Oakes and 2nd by Selectman E. Hanson to go with a shorten nomination and election time line to full fill a resign Selectman's position as of June 9th 2021.

Vote 3 in favor 0 in the negative 1 abstention S. Saunders open position
Motion Carries

Item 8. BOS Concerns:

B. Bailey –

T. Bubar – absent

E. Hanson- Would like to adopt the 2nd Amendment resolution that Exeter adopted. It seems to be the best one to fit Bradford. Should have MMA look at it. *MMA has put out an opinion on this because these resolutions are a collective expression of opinion it is of symbolic value but no legal effect.*

Traffic on Middle road to get them to slow down- speed bumps where mention but won't work if the pot holes don't slow them down now.

We need to be balancing the budget and decide on what we are going to borrow money on.

Town Manager needs to be here more not saying more then 40 hrs a week but when the office is open T-W-Th 8 to 5 and Monday a work day.

Brush cutting by Rick Drew – *talked about getting him to do the Middle Rd a half mile on each end. Will send this request in an e-mail*

C. Oakes – none

S. Saunders- none

Item 9. Correspondence: none

Item 10. Request for Additional Agenda Items: none

Item 11. Executive Session: none

Item 12. Adjourn: 8:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vittoria J.B. Stevens

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Selectman Bruce Bailey

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Selectman Carlene Oakes

_____absent_____

Selectman Timothy Bubar

_absent when signed_____

Selectman Samantha Saunders

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Selectman Errol Hanson