

TOWN OF BRADFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA / MEETING
Monday, October 12, 2020
@ 6:00 pm

Item 1. Open meeting: 6:00 pm

Attendance: Bruce Bailey, Carlene Oakes, Samantha Saunders and 6:21 Timothy Bubar

Absent: Vance Corliss

Item 2. Approval of September 28 minutes- Motion made by Selectman B. Bailey and 2nd by Selectmen C. Oakes

Vote 3 in the positive 0 in the negative Motion Passes

Item 3. Review of Treasurer's Warrants: 73,74 and 75 Acted on

Item 4. Old Business:

- a. **Sign MMA G. A. Ordinance -** Acted on
- b. **Farm Plates-** E. Hanson informed the Board that the Dept of Motor Vehicle is not training the agents correctly on Farm plates. At the last Selectman's meeting (Sept. 28th) the Town Manager said the State must have pulled the Farm plates from the Office meaning they have not been sending them to us. The State receives an inventory of the plates we have every week. At the last audit by the DMV the Office was cited for registering a vehicle with farm plates which did not qualify. When doing registrations, we are working for the DMV as an agent. That is why we are able to collect an agent fee.

Item 5. New Business:

- a. **Meeting with the Fire Dept:** Discussion with the Board, 3 men from the Fire Department, Chairman of the Future Fire Station and 2 residents E. Hanson and D. Kelley

It is a matter of what equipment they have; it effects the size of the building. Keeping the equipment, they have now then they need the 5 bays. The Fire Department feels even with mutual aid they need all the equipment that they have.

Selectman S. Saunders stated that she supports the plan for a 5-bay building but doesn't want to attach a number to it for the engineer doesn't know how much it will cost when we build it. Right now, building cost are high but things could change by the time we are ready to build.

Selectman B. Bailey stated that if they go out to the public with an estimate of 1.2 to 1.5 the public isn't going to support that number and then you will have a much more difficult fight on your hands trying to get anything thing passed. Learn from what happened with the Community Center, each time it went out to be voted on the build

shrunk. The Department needs to downsize.

D. Kelley stated that the Community Center was not a need only the Town Hall was the rest was a want. Town Manager reminded D. Kelley the community center started in the 70's with a community block grant that helped the residents with certain types of home improvement, and the pay back was to go for a community center, the town hall portion had to be funded with tax dollars. The Town in 2007 started negotiations with US Cellular on a cell tower in Town and closed the deal in 2008. The Town having this unexpected income was a help to offset the Town Hall portion of the loan.

C. Knight said he was talking to a contractor who would give a ball park figure to what he felt a 5-bay fire station would cost. He has not built one but he is a contractor. There was also the possibility of another contractor who would be willing to also give us some figures that they felt would be more realistic then the engineers' numbers.

J. Dyer presented the information to the Board on how a loan of 1.5 million would impact the mill rate. She also presented a Site Permitting Budget from Brian Ames that would not exceed the basis of \$17,000. Looking at doing this at the Town own property on Water's Lane for this would eliminate the added cost of replacing the park located next to the fire station.

There is a survey that the committee is asking the voters on Nov. 3rd to complete after voting. Hopefully this will help the committee to work in the best direction for success.

Motion made by Selectmen T. Bubar and seconded by Selectman S. Saunders to release the \$1,700 to Brian Ames for Site Permitting.

Vote 4 in the positive 0 in the negative Motion Passes

Item 6. Adjourn: 7:31 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Selectman Bruce Bailey

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Selectman Carlene Oakes

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Selectman Timothy Bubar

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Selectman Samantha Saunders

_____Absent_____

Selectman Vance Corliss