

**Minutes of the Brighton Selectboard meeting, held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, in the town hall in Island Pond. Attending were Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Jim Cross, Doug Niles, Bill Hawkins, Leonard DeLaBruere, Mike Strait, Marty Frizzell, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope.**

1. Mike Strait representing the Island Pond Chamber of Commerce told the board that the Chamber wants to hold a town-wide yard sale on September 5 in the town park. The board approved the use of the park by the Chamber on Sep 5.
2. The board approved spending \$600 to replace the Lakeside Park sign that was recently vandalized.
3. Joe Duncan from A&E spoke to the board about stormwater drainage going through the town park at three different locations. Because there is a statewide effort to control sediment and nutrients going into the waters of the state, the Town has received a Ecosystem Restoration Program grant to look at stormwater options at different areas downtown to remove sediment and nutrients from going into the Lake. The grant money is to look at ways to minimize impacts. The grant to pay Aldrich & Elliott was obtained by Essex County Natural Resources and Conservation District (ECNRCD). Mr. Duncan said that the catch basins in these areas not working and need to be replaced, and that it might be possible that another ERP grant might cover most of the cost.

The town is not being forced to do this now, but it is good stewardship to protect the lake, and some effort like this will probably be required in the future. Maintenance will be an issue with any new catch basin infrastructure. The sumps will need to be cleaned out, and drainage pipes will need to be flushed as part of a regular maintenance schedule. Melinda asked if road departments do this kind of work or do communities hire someone to do it. Joe said it is expensive to own and operate your own vacuum truck, so towns usually contract out, and do some catch basins each year, on a rotating basis, but some are done every year. The water department regularly hires a vacuum truck to do their structures, said Marty Frizzell.

Joe asked if the board had no objections, A&E would continue to plan as they propose. Next step is to bring back costs and agree to a contribution and see if we want to move forward from there. The board approved continuing the project.

4. Marty Frizzell on behalf of the water Department explained that the Water Dept had a lot of frozen lines last winter, and Dale Street was probably the most affected, and the Water Board has been talking about digging up the lines and insulating them. This also means tearing up the street and the Water Board is seeking the cooperation of the Selectboard on this project. The project would start at Norm Stebbins and continue

down the road. The Water Board was also looking to obtain the services of a town truck and loader for the project. They will hire someone to do the work, and patch it with their dollars, but the town would do the top coat. The Selectboard approved the Dale Ave insulation project. The Water Department is looking to do this within the next couple weeks. They intend to use 4" blue board. The Water Department will patch the repair, but a top coat would be the eventual responsibility of the town highway budget. The Board also approved use of the town truck, loader and driver.

5. Trevor Colby came to talk about a Restorative Justice and Diversion program that he wants to get started in Essex County. He wants to organize a volunteer group of panelists that won't have to travel great distances. Restorative Justice has not worked in the past here because it has not been linked with diversion. Panelists would have to have some training, and there would be maybe six meetings a year.
6. Jeff said he has not yet found out who did the spray paint vandalism. The board noted that some of it is still showing, and Melinda will talk to Ray about getting it removed.
7. Jeff reported that the overhead door at the fire station that he uses for the police car is not working properly. Repair will cost \$800-\$1,000. The Board approved fixing the door. The car has had several issues this year, including replacing all the brakes.
8. The Board also asked Joel and Jeff to look into cameras and a recorder for mounting on the town hall.
9. The Board and Jeff talked about the possibility of an updated ordinance controlling activity in the park.
10. The Board moved to accept the minutes as printed.
11. Heating system: system is ordered and will soon start installation.
12. Sidewalk: Melinda will get a price from Awesome welding for railings for the new Main St. sidewalk. Melinda explained the costs associated with the Main St. sidewalk repairs. Doug suggested that the town should have a policy for when they should items should be bid out.
13. There have been some complaints about bumps on Pleasant Street. Mark said he was aware of some places that needed some repair and he will see what he can do.
14. The Board approved getting a load of log-length firewood for the town garage.
15. The question of whether to have a pay phone re-installed on the new sidewalk on Main was tabled.
16. The meeting adjourned at 8:51.