

Minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting of the Brighton Selectboard, held in the town hall in Island Pond at 9:00 AM. Present were Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, James Cross, Doug Niles, Bill Hawkins, Ed Barber of the Newport Express, and Joel Cope.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00.
2. No additions to the agenda.
3. No public comment.
4. The board requests for use of the gym.
5. Melinda will ask Ray to re-finish the bank doors on schedule. They are to be done twice a year due to the exposure they get from sun and salt.
6. The board approved the expenditure of \$800 for architect Jay Ancel to determine if a full-sized elevator could be installed inside the town hall that would reach all four floors. The town has applied for a 13,000 grant to investigate options for the third floor of the town hall, to see what would be involved in moving the stage to the other end of the gym, and to explore installation of an elevator should the third floor be put into use. However, that grant will not be awarded until December, if at all, and the board needs to know now what options there are. The current platform lift is on its last legs, and only goes two floors. It could be replaced with one of like kind, but that might not be the best option if the third floor was brought back into use. Doug mentioned the possibility of having a second platform lift to get people to the third floor. Since any option would be put before the voters, Melinda suggested that the board should have an open house of the third floor and invite people to see it so they could appreciate its value.
7. It was pointed out that the curtain in the gym needed fixing. Bill Hawkins said that the screen in one of the gym windows was missing. The board asked Joel to get a price on refinishing the gym floor.
8. Joel reported that the Goupee Brook project was completed, and the Taylor Road project was scheduled possibly this week.
9. The road foreman thinks that a one-ton truck would be more useful for general highway maintenance than the red pickup. USDA has grants available for equipment, but the town also has other needs coming up that a grant might help with, including a new tractor, a new police car, a possible elevator. No decision to proceed with purchasing anything was made.
10. The board wants Ray to take the tractor to a Kubota dealer and get it gone over thoroughly to see what kind of condition it's in, but they want to know what costs will be for any repairs before agreeing to repairs.
11. The board agreed to have a discussion about sidewalk snow plowing before winter.
12. The board agreed to move forward with the \$376,000 stormwater project, which is intended to be paid for 90% by an Ecosystem Restoration grant. It will involve installing catch basins and exfiltration pipes to prevent untreated stormwater from entering the Lake, and construction of a wetlands area in the town park to settle out stormwater runoff from three subwatersheds. The board committed to maintaining the stormwater infrastructure, making it part of the job of the highway crew.
13. The board reviewed time sheets.
14. The board approved giving the town health officer a \$150 raise, effective immediately.
15. The board approved the minutes of September 16.
16. Meeting adjourned at 10:50.