

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 20, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, William Hawkins, Jenn Hanlon, Ed Barber, from the Newport Daily Express, Mark Castonguay, Richard Hannux, Walter Driscoll, Joe Arborio, Mike Strait on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Joel Cope, and Teresa Potwin.

Chairperson, Doug Niles calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: Joel informed the board of the following updates to the agenda: Health Officer, Joe Arborio, Hazard Mitigation Plan, Jenn Hanlon on the road sign policy, and also an update of Sweet Tree.

Public Comment: Health Officer, Joe Arborio was present to inform the board of cases he has been working on. Mr. Arborio informed the board that he had three cases. One case the owner of the property had already complied. The Second case, located on Curran Avenue is in the process of being solved. At this time Mr. Arborio has made attempts to find someone home at this residence and has been unsuccessful at reaching anyone. The next step in this case is to send a notice of intent, then and emergency Health Order. The third case on South Street has had an anonymous donation to help the homeowner comply and will be taken care of at the next trash pick-up day.

Mike Strait, on behalf of the chamber, was present to ask the boards permission for the use of the park for the Town Wide Market Day, and Friday Night Live. Also, the Chamber would like to use the space on Mill Street that is closed off anyways at Friday Night Live to place vendors. A motion was made by James Cross to allow vendors to use the portion of Mill Street that is blocked off during Friday Night Live. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Walt Driscoll was present to discuss with the board water well drillings. In 1981, the town asked permission from several land owners to drill on their properties for the location of water sources. One of those properties is now owned by Mr. Driscoll, and he has a potential buyer for this property. The potential buyer wants a letter from the town stating that they have no interest in this well before he purchases the property. Walt told the board that he had already spoke with Marty Frizzell, and Marty informed him that the water department has no interest in this well. The board agreed that if Mr. Driscoll sends a letter to the town they would be willing to sign it stating that the town has no interest in the well on this land.

Jenn Hanlon was present to discuss the sign policy with the board. Ms. Hanlon informed the board that the written policy in affect at this time is not compulsory. Jenn will help with the wording of a new sign policy. The board agreed that this would be a good idea.

Jenn Hanlon was also present to update the board on Sweet Tree. Jenn and Gina Vigneault from the UTG office walked the property and the Clerk from the UTG (which is where the property in question is located) had no idea that the building on this land was so big. Ms. Vigneault assured Jenn that the board of governors and town clerk will be looking into this

matter further. The concern is the fact that this building is located in a place that would be hard for an ambulance to find at this time, and with the number of people that work there.

Rick Hannux and Walt Driscoll were present to discuss a Table Top drill for the Emergency/Hazard Mitigation plan. The board asked if the fire department could come with certain scenarios and then apply them to this drill. The fire department said they would work on this.

Jonathan O'Keefe informed the other members of the board that Duane Powers asked if the leaves at the brush dump could be turned. The board asked Mark to go up with the grader at some point in time to take care of this.

Buildings and maintenance: There have been no updates of the generator. Jonathan O'Keefe will call Belknap electrical to set up a load test and find out the cost. It was discussed to maybe put a generator at each building instead of having just one generator to supply both the fire station and the Legion.

The board discussed opening the railroad depot bathroom for the ladies walking with James Cross as he was unavailable for the last meeting. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to open the bathroom Monday-Friday but not on Saturday and Sunday. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel informed the board of a food shelf at the fire station on April 26, 2016. Walt and Rick on behalf of the fire department had a couple concerns about this, as the last time parking was an issue, also the fact that someone has to be there all day for this and they are both unavailable to be there. The board will have Jeff Noyes be there for parking issues and security for the building.

Roads: Road are in good shape.

James Cross informed the board that Sheila Worth, on Derby Street would like to know who is responsible for fixing her lawn, as it was messed up during the plowing season. The board; along with the road foreman all seem to think that the state would be responsible for that route.

Joel informed the board that the 2 applications for the Better Back Roads Grant had been done. This is to work on Taylor road and the Big Head of The Pond Road, and if there is money left over, work on the culverts on Arthur John Road.

Personnel: The board has set up the next regularly scheduled meeting to start discussing the personnel policy.

John Boylan Airport: No Updates.

Senate Bill 230: A motion was made by James Cross to sign a letter stating that the Town of Brighton's select board was not in favor of passing the Senate Bill 230. Doug Niles seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting: A motion was made by James Cross to accept the minutes as printed for the April 6, 2016 meeting. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Joel informed the board of upcoming training for the road foreman, as well as flagging certification.

James Cross mentioned to the board that he had received a request for new playground equipment at the town park. The board agreed that at this time there were other priorities that have been committed to.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.