

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

**Present:** Michael Strait, Jonathan O’Keefe, Jim Cross, Ray Fontaine, Bill Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Scott Shepardson, Ed Barber, Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

**Update Agenda:** Appoint Town Health Officer, Disc Golf, and Port-A- Potty at Ball Field

Michael Strait said that someone has made a request for the Port-A- Potty to be left at the ballfield until after September 15<sup>th</sup>. Jonathan made a motion to keep the Port-A-Potty at the ballfield until after September 15<sup>th</sup>. Jim Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Scott Shepardson proposed to create a 27hole Disc Golf Course beside the Bluff Mountain hiking trail. He believes that it will help draw more people to our town, which in turn will help our local businesses. He spoke with Luke O’Brien, from the Stewardship Center, and said that Luke has no conflict with this idea as long as it does not interfere with the hiking trail. Scott said that he would be responsible for doing all of the work, but is first seeking approval from the selectboard to move forward with this idea. The board is very interested in Scott’s proposal, but would first like to see a specific design that shows exactly where the proposed site will be. They also discussed how the course would be funded. Scott intends to look into possible grants, local business sponsors, big corporate sponsors, player donations and will research whether there are other resources that may be available. He will come to another selectboard meeting once he has a design that will show the specifics of his proposal.

**Brighton Elementary request:** The Brighton Elementary School would like to name the Town Hall as its emergency meeting place. Jonathan O’Keefe made a motion to allow the school to name the Town Hall as its emergency meeting place. Jim Cross seconds, all in favor, so carried.

Katie Mientka has requested that the board state their position on how they feel about Brighton and Charleston schools merging together. The board discussed that the only financial savings would be approximately \$5000 from doing away with two board member positions. Even with the merger, both schools would stay

open and both schools would keep the same staff. There would be more transportation cost and unnecessary travel for children. Jonathan made a motion to sign a letter stating that the board does not support the merging of the schools. Jim Cross second, all in favor, so carried.

**Buildings & Maintenance:** Julianne Woolard has made a request to move to a new rental space within the depot building. The board has no objection to this request.

The Depot roof has been completed, painting has begun, they are working on the catwalk and inside insulation. The Town may have to borrow money from a fund to pay this bill and then pay it back this same year.

Joel shared the results of the Footbridge Inspection Report with the board. The report says that the bridge is in good condition and pointed out general maintenance recommendations.

Ray Fontaine said that the new seeding is coming up good by the playground.

**Road Department:** Mark Castonguay will be putting some patch work around the grate at Irving's.

Mark said that the new sign for Ripple Cove Road has been taken.

Michael Strait said that he would like a speed limit sign on Middle Street.

We still have to have the guardrails put in at the top of the footbridge. The fence is now gone.

**Recreational Department:** Doug Niles is interested in moving the volley ball court to the other side of the tennis court and grassing in the area where it is now. The selectboard will revisit this idea in the spring.

Jonathan said that the Rec Committee did an outstanding job with all of their events this past weekend. They raised over \$5000. He also said that Market Day went very well on Saturday.

**Fireworks:** Jeff Noyes has inquired as to whether the Town has an ordinance addressing fireworks. There have been a lot of complaints about people continuing to set fireworks off even though we are well past the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Joel Cope believes that we don't have one at this time, but said that it is illegal by state law. Joel will be looking into this matter and also asking Jeff Noyes for his recommendations on this issue. The board does want to add that there should be no fireworks in the park or kids with sparklers.

**Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP):** The selectboard reviewed the LEOP. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve the LEOP, Jim Cross seconds, all in favor, so carried.

**Fast Squad:** The board discussed the need for a Fast Squad and how to interest people to become Emergency Responders. We would like to have about 10 people. They will have to have 80 hours of training each. The board discussed hiring a trainer to teach the class. The town will pay for the training. The board discussed a bonus payment for anyone passing the class. They also discussed what they should be paid and it was suggested that \$50 dollars a call over and above their stipend may be reasonable. Joel will start on the application process.

Joel was given authority to draft an ad to hire the FAST squad members.

It was decided that the fire department should have first dibs on these positions. Joel will set a Special Meeting for this and send each individual fireman an invitation to the meeting. It was discussed that if the fire department staff join the fast squad, that there would be additional money added to their emergency call. There would be \$50 for the Fast Squad part of the call and an additional \$25 over and above their regular firemen pay.

The Fast Squad will be able to use our van ambulance to get to the scene of the emergency calls to stabilize individuals. They will then have to wait for an ambulance to come from Morgan in order to have individuals transported.

**Proposed Town Plan:** Joel Cope shared a copy of the new Proposed Town Plan with the Selectboard.

They should review it before the meeting that is set for October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Appt. E911 Coordinator:** Jonah Rumble-Petre has applied to be the new E911 Coordinator. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve Jonah Rumble-Petre to be our new E911 Coordinator. Jim Cross seconds, all in favor, so carried.

**Pay Orders:** The selectboard reviewed and signed the pay orders.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Jim Cross seconds, all in favor.

**Other Business:** Thomas Widmer made a complaint about seeing vagrants in the park. He believes they jump off the train and camp there. The information will be passed on to Jeff Noyes to investigate.

Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Cross seconds, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM