

**BRIGHTON SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**October 21, 2020**

Michael Strait called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Present:** Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Jeff Noyes, Mark Castonguay, Paul Chambers, Melinda Gervais-Lamoureux, Joel Cope and Lisa Moore

**Road Department:** Grant Aid: The Northeastern Vermont Development Association has invited our Town to participate in the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Program. Heather McElroy made a motion to have Joel sign the Letter of Intent to Participate in this program. Seconded by Jeanne Gervais, all in favor.

Winter Maintenance: There was a discussion about whether the road crew or Ray Fontaine should be responsible for clearing the town sidewalks and the footbridge. Mark Castonguay agreed that the road crew could do the footbridge and if time permits help Ray with sidewalks. The Town is only responsible to plow certain sidewalks, not all of the sidewalks that Ray has been doing. Heather will draft a written policy and forward it to Joel Cope before the next meeting, that will designate what sidewalks are to be plowed, how often and who will be responsible for this job.

Name Road: Jonah Rumball-Petre, E911 Coordinator, is seeking the Selectboard's approval on a new road name for a private road that borders the Ferdinand Town line. Joel Cope proposed to name this Hobson's Mills Rd due to its history. None of the land owners on the road are opposed to this name. Heather McElroy made a motion to name the road Hobson's Mills Rd, PVT. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor.

**Buildings & Maintenance:** PACIFIC Loss Control Report: Each year our insurance carrier does a risk evaluation and when an issue is found a recommendation is made. If the recommendations are ignored and issues aren't fixed, our insurance rate gets higher. Our playground, basketball court and related area were inspected in July and recommendations were made. Most of the issues were addressed and fixed.

**Recreation:** Paul Chambers, recreation director, made a proposal to the Selectboard for a site that he would like considered for the ice skating rink. Unfortunately, this site is where Mark Castonguay, road foreman, piles snow in the winter. The Selectboard and Paul concluded that they would buy a liner and use the basketball court area for the ice rink.

Paul also said that they are creating a recreation map for this area. With the selectboard's input it was decided the Welcome Center would be the hub pin on the map. Paul questioned whether to include businesses on the map that support recreational needs. The Selectboard suggested that since businesses change so quickly here in town that it might be better to have a link to a map that simply showed where people could get food, gas, equipment... rather than naming

the businesses. This will help eliminate the need to constantly update. Paul will suggest this to those who are involved with this project.

**Health Officer Vacancy:** Joel has been trying to come up with someone who may want the position as the Health Officer in Town, since Joe Arborio is no longer able to fulfill this position.

A child was bitten by a dog seven days ago. Joel spoke to one of the owners of the dog and told them that they needed to provide the Town with evidence that this dog has been vaccinated against rabies. To date, the owners have not submitted proof of this to the Town nor have they licensed the dog with the Town. This Saturday will be 10 days since the dog bite. On this day Jeff Noyes will go and look at the dog to see if it is exhibiting any signs of rabies. If not, the child will not have to have the series of shots that normally would follow under these circumstances. Jeff Noyes pointed out that the dog was tied up on its property and the child was taunting the dog. Jeff may issue a ticket for the dog not being licensed.

In order for the dog to be licensed in the Town, the owner must show proof of rabies vaccination.

**NEKWMD Supervisor on fee increase:** Recycling markets continue to be bad, and the revenue from the sale of recyclables has decreased, so the NEKWMD needs to raise the fees. This is a reason why we don't want other Towns bringing their recyclables to our town. Our residents have to pick up the cost. Joel will be getting more information on the fee increase. Heather McElroy will be drafting a policy that will help identify Town residents by having to use stickers.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 PM