

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2020

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Peder Pederson, Judy Castonguay, Marty Frizzell, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

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

Update Agenda: The agenda was updated to include a request from the Lake Association, David Pepin request, and insurance renewal.

Peder Pederson; on behalf of the Island Pond Lake Association was present to request that the town help pay for data entry hours for the reports to the state that was required to receive the funds from the lake protection grant. This was something that Peder had been doing, but the state was not happy with the format in which it was presented to them, and would not accept it anything but an excel format. The Island Pond Lake Association hired Judy Valente to do the data entry forms that had to be provided to the state for the lake protection program at a cost of \$264.00 for her time. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to have the town cover the entire cost for Judy's hours. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

David Pepin requested use of the gym for basketball practice with his son only. The board denied this request at this time due to the pandemic.

Joel informed the board that it was time to renew the health insurance for the town employees. This comes with a minimal increase for the 2021 policy year. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to renew our group health insurance policy with MVP for the standard Gold Plan. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Nothing.

Road Department: The board reviewed a draft of the Brighton Snow Removal Policy for sidewalks. This will be worked on some more at the next meeting to try to finalize the draft.

Recreation: Judy Castonguay was present to ask the board if Paul Chambers could use some of his hours to help supervise the school yurt project. The school has received a grant and purchase a yurt and Judy was wondering if Paul would be able to help with the installation of this. Judy will be asking for parent volunteers for this project as well. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to authorize Paul Chambers to use up to 8 hours of his time to assist with this project. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Personnel: Raymond Fontaine will be retiring on December 18th, 2020. The board reviewed a draft of the Municipal Janitor, Sidewalk and Parks Maintenance Worker job description. The town will put an ad for the job opening in the papers, and post notices around town.

NEKWMD: Bruce Rumball-Petre was present to discuss a fee increase for 2021. Bruce is Brighton's representative for the district and showed the board four options on how to raise the \$12790.00 shortfall in the waste district budget. The town reviewed the options that the waste district presented and recommended that the best option was to raise the revenue by increasing the waste district surcharge on trash at the dump. This increase translates to about two cents on an average size bag of trash, and will be passed on to the consumer.

Re-vitalization project: In order to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act, a qualified Architectural Historian and a qualified Archeological consultant will be required for the re-vitalization project to proceed; and the funds for this project to be released to Brighton. The consultants will work with the hired engineering company to ensure that historic and archaeological impacts, if any, are minimized as the project is designed.

Pay orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the Road Department and the General Account.

Previous minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to accept the minutes as printed. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other Business: Marty Frizzell was present to inform the board of an issue with the lines around the town hall. Marty informed the board that there is sagging in the ground and there is a pipe with a hole that potentially was caused by a drill when the areas of the fuel tank leak from 2011 were tested. Marty informed the board that this is something that may want to be brought to the insurance company's claim on this incident. Marty will provide a timeline of the incident to the board so that they are informed of the situation and its progression.

Newport Ambulance will be holding a budget meeting and Joel asked the board if they wanted to attend. Brighton already knows that our contract for 2021 with Newport Ambulance will be for around \$60,000.00. The board feels no need to attend this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.