

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2022**

Present: Michael Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Heather McElroy, John Manning, Andy Martin, Ray Fontaine, Gary Hadlock, Trevor Colby, Bruce Rumball-Petre, and Teresa DeBonville. Virtually attending were Joel Cope, Bruce Webster, Ed Barber, and Paul Chambers.

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

Update Agenda: LEMP, Quitclaim signature, Liquor License renewals and mask mandate for town buildings.

A motion was made to adopt the Town of Brighton's Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) with a few corrections. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to sign the Quitclaim deed between the Town of Brighton and Linda Roth for a perpetual easement. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to sign the liquor license renewals for Kingdom Market, The Dollar General, and The Brighton American Legion. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion was made by Heather McElroy to eliminate the mask mandate in town owned buildings, effective immediately. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Ray Fontaine was present and asked questions on a timeline for hiring a town manager. The board explained they were working on this; and it may take a few months until we are ready to hire. Clarification was made about Michael Strait being a temporary second administrator with Joel, and not the town manager.

Road Department: Andy asked about getting a gas tank and pump installed at the garage to fill up the town's equipment instead of charging gas at the businesses in town. Andy explained to the board that Fred's Energy would install the tank and the pump for free as long as we contracted with them for the purchase of the gas. The only cost to the town would be the electrical work. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to install a pump

and tank at the Town garage and to contract with Fred's Energy for the purchase of the gas. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Andy will get quotes to hire a crack sealer for the streets for the streets in town instead of repaving them all.

Andy will have the D.I.'s cleaned this year; and will also contact the street sweeper to see when he would be coming.

Andy will investigate putting up a "Yield" sign by Dale Avenue Extension, and Bellevue Avenue.

Buildings and Maintenance: Bruce informed the board that one side of the gym's chair rails, and the bleachers are finished.

Bruce will set up one of the desks from Heather in Joel's office.

The colors for the town clerk's office have been picked out.

Bruce brought to the board's attention that Leesa Timpson wanted to start a drama club for the kids and was asking about purchasing a portable state for the gym.

Recreation: Paul informed the board that the ice rink was closed for the season.

Paul has all the shoreland permits filled out and filed for the installation of the new playground.

Paul has a Forest Management Plan meeting set for next week.

Paul has applied for grants for swim lessons. With these and donations that have come in; the whole cost of swim lessons should be covered.

Paul came up with a rough draft of the job description for the Recreation Director. The board will review this.

Essex County Sheriff's Department: Trevor Colby from the Essex County Sheriff's Office came to discuss with the board about contracting with them for police coverage in Brighton. Trevor explained the things that the sheriff's department would offer Brighton. Trevor said they would be able to contract with Brighton for up to 28 hours per week and the cost of \$35.00 per officer. A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to accept the offer

from the Essex County Sheriff's Department as stated above. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Vermont Land Trust: Tabled.

Assessor Contract: Heather McElroy motions to accept the Assessor's Contract presented by NEMC, and to have Joel sign the contract. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Personnel: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to appoint John Manning to fill the opening as Cemetery Commissioner. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay orders: The board reviewed and signed the general pay orders, and the road department pay orders.

Overweight Permits: A motion was made by Jeanne Gervais to have the select board chairperson sign the overweight permits. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve previous minutes: Tabled.

Other business: Andy told the board that the police cruiser needs a wheel bearing. Andy will contact David Pepin to see when we can schedule this repair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.