

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2023

Present: Jeanne Gervais, John Manning, Ryan Perry, Lisa Cooper, Andy Martin, Bruce Rumball-Petre, Joel Cope, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Mike Strait, Carolyn Miller, Anne Budrewicz, Bruce Webster, Brandy Goulet, Emma Gunn, Jonah Rumball-Petre, and Heather McElroy.

Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Updates to the agenda: CUD re-appointment, and authorization to apply for a loan for the dump truck.

A motion was made by Heather McElroy to re-appoint Michael Strait as representative to the NEK broadband governing board, and James Ozone and Noah Bond as alternates. John Manning seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A motion was made by John Manning to allow Michael Strait to apply for a loan for \$70,910.00 for the purchase of the new dump truck. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Elect Chairperson: A motion was made by John Manning to elect Jeanne Gervais as select board chairperson. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: None.

Set date, time and place of regular select board meetings: A motion was made by John Manning to set the first and third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM in the Brighton Town Hall for the regular scheduled select board meetings. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Name newspaper of record: John Manning motions to name the Caledonian Record the newspaper of record. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Set rates for town equipment: A motion was made by John Manning to increase the rates on all equipment by \$10.00 per hour. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor so carried. The rates are as follows:

- Backhoe: \$115.00
- Front end loader: \$125.00
 - Trucks: \$95.00
 - Grader: \$130.00
- Sidewalk tractor: \$95.00

Appoint town officers: A motion was made by John Manning to appoint the following for town officers. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

- Fence Viewers: Select board
- Pound Keeper: Renee Falconer
 - Tree Warden: Andy Martin
- Animal Control Officer: Ryan Perry
- Constable: Bruce Rumball-Petre

Road department: Andy has submitted the application for a PACIF Grant for safety equipment and the town has been awarded this grant. This grant will be used to purchase a gas meter for the water department and safety cones.

The road crew has been working diligently on snow removal and clean up.

Maintenance: Bruce has been working on painting the offices in the town hall and diligently working on snow removal and clean up.

Recreation: Emma Gunn mentioned to the board that the Northeast Kingdom Area on Aging is interested in doing a tai chi class in the gym on Thursdays at 11:00 AM beginning April 6, 2023. Emma was asking the board if this would be ok and if the board would charge. The board was ok with allowing them the use of the gym and agreed that they could give a donation for the use of the facility instead of charging.

Personnel: Nothing.

Pay orders: The board reviewed and signed the pay orders for the road department account and the general funds account.

Overweight permits: A motion was made by John Manning to approve and sign the overweight permits. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes of previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 1, 2023, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Heather McElroy. Jeanne Gervais seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Ryan Perry asked the board if it would be possible to put a light on the pole to the left of the footbridge and also a stop sign at the exit of the Community National Bank pulling onto Cross Street. The board agreed to both requests.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. *-+*-