

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 17, 2024

Present: Noah Bond, Heather McElroy, Mike Testut, Jamie Budrewicz, Kyle Sykes, and Teresa DeBonville.

Attending virtually: Mike Strait, Jeanne Gervais, Bruce Webster, Joel Cope, and Ed Barber.

Jeanne Gervais called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Updates to the agenda: Village center designation, preservation trust, Green Mountain Club Trail Utilization, and New England Water Technical assistance work plan for the WWTF project.

Public comment: Kyle Sykes was present to confirm that the town would allow the funds to extend the infield at the ballfield. Kyle mentioned to the board that he would like to order the materials and set up the time and staff to get this done before opening day, which will be May 10, 2024. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve funds not to exceed \$3,000.00 between material and time and equipment use costs from the road crew. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Special Election update and warning signature: Due to error, the date of the special election for addition of two select board members to the board will have to be moved to May 21, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The board reviewed the warning that needs to be posted 30 days prior to any election. A motion was made by Heather McElroy to sign the warning and the Town Manager will post this warning on April 17, 2024. Mike Testut seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

RHR accounting document: Noah presented the board with a 5-year contract with RHR Smith and Company a Certified Public Accountant firm to perform a yearly audit and a single audit, which will be mandatory for the upcoming Wastewater Facility Upgrade Project. The board reviewed the contract, and a motion was made by Heather McElroy to approve Noah Bond to sign the 5-year contract with RHR Smith and Company. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Authorization to sign HTA ESA agreement: A motion was made by Mike Testut to approve Noah Bond as the authorized personnel to sign the HTA ESA Agreement. Heather McElroy seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Waterboard appointments: The board approved the appointment of Heather McElroy and Jeanne Gervais to the water board.

Water Permit: Noah Bond signed the water permit that was received by the town for connection to the public water system for Lawrence and Penelope Barber-Jones on 162 Blueberry Lane.

Preservation Trust motion: Noah informed the board that the Preservation Trust notified him, and they are interested in working with the Town of Brighton to restore and improve the third floor of the Town Hall. Noah asked the board if the board was in support of moving forward with this project. The board informed Noah that they were in support of moving forward with this project. There will be a webinar held by the Preservation Trust on April 30, 2024, starting at 10:00 AM if any staff would like to attend.

Village Center Designation: Heather McElroy motions to authorize Michael Strait to prepare and submit the renewal application for the Island Pond Village Center Designation program. This is important for funding and grant purposes. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Heather McElroy also motions Michael Strait to prepare and submit all necessary applications and documents associated with an application to obtain designated downtown status and to identify Brighton Community Forum Inc. as the designated downtown organization. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Green Mountain Club: A motion to authorize the NEK section of the Green Mountain Club to utilize the trail and pavilion in the Lakeside Park for the Brighton Trails Day on June 22, 2024, starting at 8:00 AM. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

New England Water technical assistance work plan for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project: Heather McElroy motions to authorize Noah bond to sign the New England Water Technical Assistance Work Plan for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 3, 2024, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Heather McElroy. Mike Testut seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Town manager's report: The Brush Dump will be opening the week before Memorial Day, May 18, 2024, pending weather and employee availability. The hours will be like last year's, being 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

Swimming Lessons and instruction will be taking place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday Evenings for the first two weeks in July. A rain date of July 15th, 16th, 18th, and 19th are tentative.

Summer hiring has begun, the town is currently seeking a Lifeguard for the summer swimming lessons, and personnel for the aquatic nuisance program. If anyone is

interested, please contact the town office, or email the town manager at townmanager@brightonvt.gov.

Randy Gleason, who has volunteered with the town in the past, would like to do so again. Randy is interested in the pickup of trash on the side of the road outside of Green UP Day. The board is in support of this.

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

Other business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.