

Selectboard Minutes
October 15, 2024

Present: Jenn Jones, chair
Andy Artimovich
Jon Morgan
Paul Kleinmann
Letty Bedard

At 6:03pm, Jones called the meeting to order.

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Bedard motioned, seconded by Artimovich to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from October 8th, the non-public minutes of October 8th, the non-public minutes of October 9th, the treasurer's report (found at the end of these minutes), and the following building permits:

- Dumont, Heidi & Richard, 482 Middle Road, Plan Examination
- Aaron R Spiller Rev Trust, 9 Veazey Circle, Electrical
- Rowland, Scott & Tammy, 9 Dudley Road, Minor Projects
- Northern Elastomeric, Inc, 61 Pine Road, Electrical

Morgan would like to follow up with the Rec Department regarding the McFarland Ford invoice.

All were in favor. Motion passed.

Before opening public comment Jones stated that she has been in contact with Jim Hajjar, Editor of the Brentwood Newsletter and that the invoice that was discussed last week may be reconsidered at a future meeting, possibly next week.

At 6:08pm, Jones opened the meeting up to public comment.

Elizabeth Faria, South Road, suggested giving employees a 2.5% COLA vs the approved 3% and suggested that no merit raises be given to town employees other than those who work in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. Faria suggested the Town consider building a stand-alone police department rather than a municipal complex.

Eric Turer, Peabody Drive, speaking as a State Representative and a private citizen stated he hopes to see the relationship between the Selectboard, and the Brentwood Newsletter continue to move forward in a positive direction.

Rebecca Dunham, Block Drive, would like to collect retired American flags at the Town Office with the assistance of Tracy Descoteaux. The Selectboard is amenable to this.

Betsy Ibbitson, Scrabble Road, thanked the board for reconsidering the Newsletter invoice.

Jim Hajjar, Mohawk Lane, Editor of the Brentwood Newsletter, stated that there was not enough time given to investigate or understand the issue of the highlighted sheets discussed last week. Hajjar stated that the BNL did not violate any of their policies and that they worked closely with the Rec Director to produce the monthly Rec column.

Lois DeYoung, Crawley Falls Road, asked the Board about the town employees on leave.

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Jones closed public comment at 6:22pm.

Officer in Charge, Lieutenant Doty, was present to discuss the stripping and sale of car 4. Lieutenant Doty explained to the Board that the upfitter has offered to strip car 4 and dispose of everything including the graphics in exchange for signing the title over to him. Lieutenant Doty states he is agreeable to selling the vehicle this way to the upfitter with the understanding that it is sold as is. Morgan motions, seconded by Artimovich, to allow the sale of car 4 to the upfitter currently in possession of it. All in favor, motion passed.

Kristin Aldred, Planning Board Chair and Mark Kennedy, Land Use Administrator, were present to discuss the Planning Board budget. The proposed planning budget is increased approximately \$9,000 that is mostly due to salary, FICA, retirement and the addition of overtime. The board discussed putting the overtime in a separate line for tracking purposes. Aldred and Kennedy discussed updating the Master Plan and how to pay for a complete update. Bedard motioned to approve the proposed planning board budget at \$126,104.36, seconded by Kleinman. All in favor, motion carried.

Kennedy was also present to discuss the Zoning Board of Adjustment's budget. Morgan motioned to approve the proposed level funded zoning board budget at \$1,401, seconded by Artimovich. All in favor, motion carried.

The welfare budget was reviewed. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Morgan, to approve the \$25,407, level funded welfare budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Rebecca Dunham, Conservation Commission Chair, was present to discuss the proposed budget. Dunham explained that changes were made for transparency, but the budget remains level funded. After some discussion it was decided to increase the budget by \$1. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard, to approve the proposed Conservation budget at \$12,704. All were in favor, motion carried.

The MS-1 needs to be re-signed due to minor corrections. Artimovich motioned to sign the corrected MS-1, seconded by Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board reminded everyone that there is a Voting Works machine demo at the Brentwood Rec Center tomorrow from 10am-12pm.

Kleinman stated that the Conservation Commission is working on cleaning up Steven's Field. He also stated that the Open Space Committee is getting some inquiries.

Bedard stated that the Communications Committee has officially disbanded. She also stated that there is a Planning Board meeting this Thursday, September 17th.

The upcoming Municipal Complex Committee question and answer session has been postponed.

Jones reminded everyone that the Budget Committee meeting on Monday, October 21st is at 4pm.

Janice Wiers, Library Director, invited everyone to Candidate's Night, Wednesday, October 30th from 7-9pm at the Mary E. Bartlett Library.

At 6:56pm, Kleinman motioned, seconded by Artimovich, to enter nonpublic for personnel, reputation, and legal. Artimovich – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye; Bedard – aye; Jones – aye. Motion passed.

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The Board came out of non-public session at 7:59 PM. Motion made by Bedard to seal the non-public minutes, second by Kleinman, and all voted in favor by roll call vote. At 8:00 PM, a motion was made by Bedard to adjourn the meeting, second by Kleinman, and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix

WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT				
DATE:		10/15/2024		
General Fund:		TD BANK		
Previous Balance:		3,590,019.57		
Deposits:		159,004.18		
Payroll:		33,869.41	DDP: \$33,869.41	
			CHK: \$	
FICA:		8290.77		
A/P:		306,217.17	Reg A/P Cks \$51,217.17	NHRS \$
			Swasey \$255,000.00	CO-OP: \$
Transfer to Impact Fees				
Voided Cks				
Account Balance:		3,400,646.40		
Interest Earned YTD:		117,440.74		
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Joyce A. Gallant, Treasurer				