

Selectboard Minutes
April 1, 2025

Present: Paul Kleinman, Chair
Letty Bedard
Andy Artimovich
Jon Morgan
Jim Michaud

At 6:00pm, Kleinman called the meeting to order.

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Artimovich motioned, seconded by Michaud, to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from March 25th, non-public minutes from March 25th, which are sealed, and the following building permits:

- River Run Development, LLC; 2 Taylor; Plumbing
- J & C Sullivan; 67 Dudley; Plan Examination
- Brentwood ROH, LLC; 5 Tanya; Plumbing
- J & B Huntsman; 9 Tanya; Electrical
- American Tower; 152 Rt 27; Electrical
- E & B Keane; 30 Northrup; Plumbing
- Motto-Potvin Family Trust; 171 Middle; Electrical
- Ma Hostrom Dangora; 9 Peabody; Plan Examination
- M Clancey; 319 South; Electrical
- Langdon Construction; 10 Stone Creek; Plan Examination
- J & J Beasley; 24 Block; Electrical
- W & J Dodge; 76 Lyford; Minor Projects
- MacDonald Family Living Trust; 166 Pickpocket; Plan Examination
- M & T Flinders; 60 Mohawk; Plumbing
- River Run Development, LLC; 18 Edgewater; Plan Examination
- A Kumar & K Naidu; 6 Gallant; Plan Examination

All were in favor, motion carried.

Chief Bird & Deputy Chief Olsen were present to discuss the overnight/standby shifts. Chief Bird states these shifts are difficult to fill, compensation is \$120/shift. Chief Bird explained having inadequate or no coverage during these shifts results in delayed response times. Chief Bird explained that relying on mutual aid is not an option and the ALS, that is housed at the Brentwood Fire Station, does not belong to Brentwood. Chief Bird stated that due to unfilled positions he has money in his current budget to cover this change. The Board was concerned about how to maintain this change next year. Morgan gave a personal narrative on delayed response times. Melissa Litchfield, State Representative, stated there is a bill currently in the State Senate to allow emergency personnel to respond to calls even if there is only 1 staff member. First responders at the meeting did not appear to feel comfortable with that as it can be extremely dangerous. Evan Crafts, Peabody Drive, asked Chief Bird to explain the safety benefits of having 2 staff members on duty and the benefits of having a less experienced staff member work with an experienced staff member. Chief Bird stated the Brentwood Fire Department has a great working relationship with Brentwood PD and with the surrounding towns' emergency services. Chief Bird made clear his intent is to have at least two (2) staff members on duty 24 hours a day. Artimovich motioned to eliminate the overnight stipend and

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move toward per diem, seconded by Bedard. All were in favor, motion carried.

Dexter Swasey, Brentwood Historical Society, President, was present to discuss the Grange needing to update their 10 ceiling lights, \$125 each, and the outdoor motion sensor light, \$232. Bedard motioned to approve expending up to \$1600 on 10 light fixtures to be switched over to LED and an outdoor light, seconded by Morgan. Elizabeth Faria, South Road had a question regarding vendors. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mark Kennedy, Land Use Administrator, was present to discuss moving a stop sign in the Three Ponds Development. Kennedy provided the Board with letters from Brentwood PD, Brentwood FD and the Road Agent in support of this change. It is noted that Chief Doty recommended the addition of a "hard left arrow" sign, Road Agent Robinson agreed. Members of the Three Ponds HOA were in attendance. Warren Trested, Three Ponds Drive and HOA board of directors stated that community members have been discussing this since 2023, and they are willing to purchase the sign. Trested stated that the speed limit is still 15mph, he was told this would change to 25 mph when the town took over the road, also, the sign is too close to North Road. Kleinman advised Trested to speak with Chief Doty regarding the speed limit/sign. Mark Kennedy advised that the town has not taken over Phase III of the Three Ponds roads at this time, there is a site walk this Saturday regarding this matter. Bedard motioned, seconded by Michaud, to move 1 stop sign, add a hard left arrow sign, and an advisory speed limit sign within Chief Doty's discretion. All were in favor, motion carried.

The Board would like to discuss the earned time/comp time and sick pool policy, this will be an ongoing conversation. Kleinman asked Town Administrator, Hansen, to review the policy. Hansen will work with Kleinman and Artimovich to create an updated/revised policy to bring to the board in the next 30-60 days.

At 7:09pm Kleinman opened the meeting up to public comment.

Melissa Litchfield, State Representative, asked if she could hold office hours every other Saturday morning.

Seeing no other public comment Kleinman closed public comment at 7:11pm.

Michaud will be posting the offline fire trucks for sale tomorrow. This does not include the antique fire truck.

Hansen gave an update regarding the finance contractor. The contractor estimates that she will need approximately 40 hours to correct Brentwood's finances from 2021 to the present. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Michaud to approve expending up to \$4,000 for the finance contractor. All were in favor, motion carried.

At 7:19pm Michaud motioned to go into nonpublic for personnel, reputation and property transactions. This motion was seconded by Morgan. Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Artimovich – aye; Michaud – aye; Kleinman – aye. All were in favor, motion carried.

At 8:18pm Morgan made a motion to leave non-public session, seconded by Artimovich. All were in favor, and public meeting reconvened.

Discussion 1 was not sealed.

Morgan motioned, seconded by Artimovich to seal the minutes of Discussion 2. Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Artimovich – aye; Michaud – aye; Kleinman – aye. All were in favor, motion carried.

Morgan motioned, seconded by Artimovich to seal the minutes of Discussion 3. Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Artimovich –

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aye; Michaud – aye; Kleinman – aye. All were in favor, motion carried.

Morgan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Artimovich. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix