

Town of Bradford  
Select Board Minutes  
Monday, April 21, 2025 @ 6pm  
Bradford Community Center

Item 1. Open meeting Pledge of Allegiance                      6:03pm

Select board members present: Carlene, Levi, Ed, Terrie and Randy

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

April 7, 2025      Tabled until amended.

Item 3. Review of Treasurer's Warrants

A/P Warrant #1 Ed motion, Carlene second	VOTE 5-0
Payroll #27, 29, 30 Ed motion, Randy second	VOTE 4-0-1
Carlene abstained.	

Item 4. Special Topics

Superintendent Sperrey

Fy 26 and up coming process.

This is Sperrey's 11<sup>th</sup> year in the District.

When minimum wage increases the support staff wages increases.  
Declining enrollment down 50 students since new school opened.  
Overall the district is down one (1) thousand students. Bradford's  
increase is between 3 and 4 % if the budget is approved.  
First week in June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, next week referendum at 7pm at  
the elementary school building.

Bradford's school board members, Robert Young

Carlene will call Rosalie Ainswoth and Allyson Sprague.

Item 5. Open Session    N/A

## Item 6. Committee Reports

### a) Planning board

Not sure if they committee will have time to thing done before the June vote.

Errol: Moratorium was extended but no public hearing

Levi: Moratorium can extended without a public hearing

Ed: Will check to see if the extension without a public hearing.

### b) Future Fire Station

Adam Caldwell who is the Clerk of the Works has resigned. Joyce suggest Steward Brooks of Corinth because he's local. Levi will not agree to Steward Brooks ans suggest to find someone else. Carlene agrees with Levi about finding someone other than Steward Brooks. Ed states that Steward has history in the town.

Town CEO was going to resign but Carlene convinced him to stay.

Errol: So we will be two (2) weeks without a Clerk of the Works. Suggest they stop all construction until we find a new Clerk of the Works.

Levi: Why didn't CEM/DP Porter say they weren't done yet but that you can reinspect.

Joyce: With the letters being written and mailed they feel like they were blindsided.

Levi: We should get a new Clerk of the Works as soon as possible maybe call Gary Nichols.

Terrie: In reference to certified letters that emails is in writing.

Randy: Its been two (2) weeks nothing is being fixed. What have they done since then. Suggest calling the site manager.

Errol: Questions if it's legal to continue without having a Clerk of the Works?

Randy: We need to get someone in to inspect. Electric, plumbing, gas and building all has codes that need to be met.

Levi: Says that the town is not supporting Adam Caldwell. Adam sent two (2) letters that Chris cosigned with Adam. CEM wants everything to be verbal.

6:50pm. Meeting recessed while Levi, Randy and several others walks over to the Fire Station to look at the building.

7:05pm Meeting resumes as Levi and Randy has returned.

A new Clerk of the Works will be hired by the Select Board and Chris will just be responsible for the payroll. Joyce will find a new Clerk and the Board will Vet. Them.

Chris: Points out that over the year the Town Manager's report is tabled and pushed aside more often then not. It appears to Chris by the actions of the Board that the town is looking for an Administer Assistant instead of a Town Manager. Chris informs the Board that it will take at lest 2 years to change from Town Manager to an A.A. But that he would gladly help with the process if that is truly what the Town wants.

Joyce: States that she is very uncomfortable with the financial issues with the new Fire Station. She doesn't want anymore of the financial stuff.

Chris: Has not read her concerns about the Fire Station's financial issues.

Chris states that he now is giving his 30 day notice.

Ed: We will have a special Select Board meeting April 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the hiring of a new Town Manager.

Randy: Questions what has brought on Chris's notice.

Chris: Informs Randy that he asked for a full forensic audit when the question of embezzlement was first mentioned. That he feels that Joyce and Ed is in it together.

Terrie: Wants it on record that she doesn't feel that Chris has embezzled money.

Joyce: States that she did not join with Ed on anything.

Randy: Wants to know where the money is and how it got there and why.

Chris: Publicly stated that if the Board wants the passwords to the bank accounts then can have them.

Chris: Also is requesting again for the FOAA recordings from Ed Nevells.

c) Fire Department N/A

d) Recreation Committee N/A

e) Road Commissioner

Errol, Erik and Chris is working on a 100 foot section of the Station Road by the Bueller's place.

f) Health Officer

Desi is no longer the health officer. There was a mix up on who had the certifications.

The Lagrange Road property has come back up with more problems. Letters need to be sent to that property along with other properties also. If the town decides to do anything its going to be a \$5,000.00 each at a minimum.

g) School Board

Aliceson Sprague has volunteered to be on the school board if the town needs someone. Carlene motion to accept Aliceson. Levi second VOTE 5-0

Carlene will call Joy Speed and Rosalie Ainsworth to see where they were elected if they want to fill the seat on the school board if not then they will as Aliceson

Sprague.

h) CEO

Adam Caldwell will stay on as the towns CEO only... thanks to Carlene talking with him.

Item 7. Town Manager Report

New Auditor, Purdy Powers & Company located out of Portland has been hired. They will be stopping by June 3<sup>rd</sup> to meet with the Town Manager.

Website

Levi wants 3 quotes for the website  
Will check with R J Rollins from Bangor.

Item 8. New Business

a) Review Road-side Mowing Bid Spec

The road-side mowing bid packets have already been posted. Chris has spoken with Gaven about mowing the cemeteries at lest 5 days before Memorial Day. Chris has also done some research about the length of the grass. His contract has been extended. Desi will get the trees that has fallen in the William Cemetery.

b) Discuss Oil Contract and Bid specs

c) Discuss the Propane Contract and Bid specs

Usage can go out to bid but still need to get tanks.

Post the next meeting as a

Special Select Board Meeting for new Town Manager and Strictly Financial. April 28, 2025 at 6pm at the Community Center

Item 15 Adjourn meeting 8:08pm

Carlene motion Terrie second

VOTE 5-0

Submitted by  
Karen McNaughton  
Deputy Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Edward Nevells, Chair

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