

Town of Bradford  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 16, 2024 @ 6 PM

**Item 1. Opening Meeting: Pledge of Allegiance**

Select Board members present: Terrie, Ed, Levi and Carlene

**Item 2. Approval of Minutes**

September 5, 2024

Terrie motion, Ed Seconded      VOTE 3-0-1      Carlene abstaining.

September 10, 2024

Ed motion, Carlene Seconded      VOTE 4-0

**Item 3. Review Treasurer's Warrants:**

A/P # 63

Ed motion, Carlene Seconded

Discussion      Snow Blazer donation, Gift Card for Carlene's anniversary, Bradford General Rec. Department/snack shack, White Signs for town line sign

VOTE 4-0

Payroll Warrant #62

Ed motion Terrie Seconded Vote 3-0-1 Carlene abstaining.

**Item 4.** Open Session: n/a

**Item 13.** Executive Session: (1 M.R.S.A. §405(6A)) @ 6:10PM

Ed motioned to go into executive session, Carlene seconded.

VOTE 4-0

Ed motioned to come out of executive session at 6:42PM,

Carlene seconded. VOTE 4-0

**Item 6.** Town Manager Reports:

Chris reported to the Select Board that the outside spicket was broken on Friday. A resident was filling water jugs from the towns well. Chris was able to find a plumber to come and fix the problem. Looking for permission to put locks on the outside spickets. The Town does not have permits for a public well.

**Item 7.** Old Business:

a. 2024 paving update

Terrie has a motion to only pave just the Reeves Road this year pending the repairs to Station Road. Ed seconded

Discussion on Sept. 5th

Repairing a 200 foot section of Station Rd then paving.

Contractor gave quote of \$11,500.00 to repair road.

220 feet, 20 feet wide, remove pavement, remove 12" of subsurface materials, place 8" of 4" gravel, compact it, fabric, 4" finish gravel, compact it. Then 2" of shim(binder) and 1 ½" top coat.

Terrie and Ed withdrew their motion and second from Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Levi motion to pave the Reeves Rd and Station Rd once the repairs to Station Rd are completed.

Carlene seconds      VOTE 4-0

b. Middle Rd Bridge update:

The first contractor Earl has not responded to either Chris or Carlene's calls. Chris has contacted Rob Higgins. Rob will look at the bridge and get back to Chris with a quote.

**Item 10.** Select Board Topics:

Terrie      n/a

Carlene    Are the Tax bills, Tax cards and Tax maps on the website yet.

Levi      Questions about the website. Ed should be able to get the tax cards on the website.

Questions about posting the minutes on the Facebook page.

Roadwork: All the berm work is done. Over 50 loads of fill was removed from the sides of the roads. Cemeteries are done. Ditching is scheduled on the Station Road. Scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup>. By the beaver dam. Culverts are  $\frac{3}{4}$  up the grates plugged by the beavers.

Down by the old Dewitt place use to be there is a eight foot tall beaver dam. The water is 6 feet above the road. If the dam breaks town will loose the road.

Carlene motions to have Erik remove beaver dam on Station Rd. Ed Seconded

Discussion. Erik will have to remove dam in sections because of the amount of water that behind the dam. While picking the dam apart use the material and build a road for the equipment to use. VOTE 4-0

### **Item 7. Old Business**

- c. Post Office: Letter mailing survey Chris is trying to get a return mailing permit.
- d. ARPA: Dedicated less than \$2 thousand for Rec. Department. Will need money for Middle Road bridge and Ditching.

Town has a whole Playground full of Equipment in tall grass from the old school. Erik to donate 1 machine. Courtney needs volunteers and chips/sawdust.

ARPA money needs to be dedicated by the end of the year.

Town received \$120,000.00 of that \$25,000.00 was ear marked for townwide internet and \$2,000.00 for the Rec. Department.

Chris needs permission to proceed to investigate the use of ARPA money for Bridge, Ditching and Playground.

Shavings under Swing set (Timber Ridge Lumber)

Ed motion \$2,000.00 to replace old playground equipment and to ask Chris to investigate Middle Road Bridge and Ditching. Carlene Seconded. VOTE 4-0

e. Ball field Property line improvements.

Cones people just drive over it. Improve driveway entrance. State road and will need to contact DOT about fixing driveway.

#### **Item 9. Committee Reports**

a. Planning Board n/a

b. Future Fire Station Committee

Met with the USDA contractor Plymouth on Friday. Use Grant money first only direct deposits Will need to set up direct payments.

Notices have been signed and sent to lawyers.

Meeting with the contractors on either Monday or Tuesday.

Chris found a grant and Joyce has applied for it for a security system for the new station.

USDA suggest to have a Clerk in Words.

Joyce is the facilitator for the project.

Ed motion that Joyce Dyer will be the project facilitator until the project is finished. Carlene seconded. VOTE 4-0

c. Fire Department: n/a

d. Recreation Committee n/a

e. Road Commissioner: Bus turn arounds have been solved.

f. Health Officer: Had a request for a 3<sup>rd</sup> location but informed the person about the cost involved.

g. School Board n/a

h. Comprehensive Plan Committee n/a

i. CEO There are people living in a tag along camper on the Jones Road. Camper has a wood stove in it.

**Item 8. New Business**

c. Audit Report

One error in report. They have us listed as unbonded but we are bonded up to \$250,000.00

**Item 14.** Adjourn Meeting 7:56pm Ed motion Carlene Second

VOTE 4-0

Submitted by

Karen McNaughton, Deputy Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ October, 2024

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Edward Nevells, Chair

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Timothy Bubar, Vice Chair

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