APPROVED

Town of Bradford
Board of Selectmen Minutes
@Bradford Community Center Building
Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 6 PM

Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE. Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the pledge.

A. **Board Members Present:** Chairman Errol Hanson, Julie McCarthy, Edward Nevells, Carlene Oakes, and Levi Surette
B. **Employees Present:** Lorna Bell
C. **Residents Present:** Joyce Dyer, Patrick Murray, and Peggy Nevells

Item 2. APPROVE MINUTES.

A. **October 16, 2023.** Selectmen Oakes made a motion, Chairman Hanson 2nd to approve the minutes as written. All 5 in favor.

Item 3. TREASURER'S WARRANTS.

A. **Payroll #75, #76, #77.** Selectmen Nevells made a motion, Chairman Hanson 2nd to approve payable warrants #75, #76, #77. All 5 in favor
B. **Accounts payable #78** Selectmen Nevells made a motion to approve account payable warrant #78 other than hold the last payment to E & E Power Lines until cemetery clean-up is completed, Selectmen Oakes 2nd. 4 approved, 1 abstained

Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENT. Patrick Murray turned in a Retention Pond Fencing Petition with 37 signatures. Would like to have this included on the warrant at the annual town meeting. Allen Fencing had quoted $10,500 and the selectboard has asked Mr. Murray to get at least 2 more quotes. Joyce Dyer wanted clarification moving forward that should any questions for the Moratorium and/or new fire station will go to the town manager. Joyce Dyer from the Planning Board wanted to confirm who to speak with regarding the new Fire Dept and the moratorium. Moving forward all questions and concerns will be addressed to the town manager.

Item 5. ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. Last grading for the year was done over the weekend to include Reeves, Middle, Pond and Jones Road.

Item 6. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

A. **Levi** – Received a complaint from a resident regarding horse manure in the road.
B. **Carlene** – The leaves in Hillside Cemetery have not been cleaned up at yet.
C. **Ed** – Fall cleanup for Pond Cemetery is completed, looks good. He is in favor of carry overs on accounts rather than have monies go back into general fund.
D. **Julie** – Believes the town needs to have a cemetery ordinance. Would like a comparison if it is more affordable to hire an employee for such task as mowing, repairs, and misc. duties versus hiring contractors. Would like a copy of the town managers contract, believes as a salary employee should work a minimum of 40 hours a week. She also sent the town manager a copy of past evaluation as a benchmark for future evaluations. Discussed the Food Pantry program in Bradford and residents can go to Safe Place Food Pantry in East

Corinth. Discussed the newsletter and for the purpose of time having a one-page two-sided newsletter, and to have the town manager contact town committees if they have something to share. Been trying to get a hold of Aerock Gray regarding the towns' website and domain name. In favor of using Josh for the re-val. Also made a motion to have a selectboard meeting on January 22, 2024 to discuss only the budget, Selectmen Oakes 2nd. All 5 in favor.

E. **Errol** – Waters will be meeting with the assessor on November 9, 2023 to discuss tax valuation of property, Chairman Hanson will attend as well. Notice that select board members may me attending Planning Board meetings has been posted at the town office, post office and Bradford General.

Item 7. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

A. **Supplement – Versant Power –** Chairman Hanson made a motion to approve supplement in the amount of $28,661.04, Selectmen Oakes 2nd. All 5 approved.

B. **Stale Checks from 2013-2016 totaling $106.00 –** Selectmen McCarthy made a motion to void stale checks, Chairman Hanson 2nd. All 5 approved.

C. **Auditor** – Chairman Hanson made a motion to approve RHR Smith & Company as the auditors for 2023 for $7,500 Selectmen Oakes 2nd. All 5 approved.

Item 8. ADJOURN. Chairman Hanson made motion to adjourn at 8:01pm, Selectmen Oakes 2nd. All 5 approved.

(Agenda subject to change without notice. Next Board of Selectmen's meeting is MONDAY, November 20th, 2023 at 6:00PM.)

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna M Bell

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Town Manager

Approved on November 20, 2023 by:

Errol Hanson, Chairman

Julie McCarthy

Edward Nevells

Carlene Oakes

Levi Surette