

Town of Brimfield
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Annex – 21 Main Street
Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2019

Present: Vice Chair; Michele-Lee Shea, member; Paul Vandal, member; Carolyn Haley, member; Ryan Olszta, Admin; Carol Camerota.
Chair: Paul McCarthy – absent

Others: Treasurer-Collector; A. Beaudry, Police Chief; Charles Kuss, COA; E. Pittsinger, A. Gerrish, J. Smith, M. Wales and B. Datz

Cable recording: J. Bolte

Call to order:
6:30 p.m. by (Shea)

Payroll & Warrants:
Signed by board

Accountant, Town Clerk & Treasurer-Collector:
Signing of Municipal note for Safety Complex. The Board signed additional bond anticipation note documents in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Public Safety Complex borrowing.

Minutes: Review & approve minutes of April 16, 2019

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve minutes of April 16, 2019, seconded by (Olszta), all in favor.

Review & Action:

Joint with Housing Authority – Appointment of Mike Wales until 6/30/2021
This appointment will be to replace the vacancy of Elame Shom. Christine Kelly also retired several years ago as the Governor's appointment. The board has never received an answer from the State about approving Earl Rhodes for that vacancy. The State Housing can't understand either why they have not heard back. Can the BOS appoint E. Rhodes as the Governor's appointment?

Motion: by (Haley) move to appoint Mike Wales until 6/30/2021 and Earl Rhodes until 6/30/2024 to the Housing Authority pending the Governor's signature (on Rhodes), seconded by (Olszta), all in favor.

(Olszta) will meet with A. Gobi's aid the next time he is at the Sr. Center.

Sip & Stars - Hitchcock Academy @ Brimfield Winery-August 7th:

This will be the second year for Sip and Stars. Board ok

Review final Lease for Sr. Center at Congregational Church:

The board reviewed signed lease and was ok with it.

Code Red:

E. Pittsinger, COA Director asked who was in control of Code Red. With the recent tornado warnings no warning was sent out. Board discussed who should be putting the warning out and other possible uses for the system without irritating residents by overuse. In the past it was meant to be used for road closures, weather and missing persons along with emergencies. (Olszta) will meet with the Police and Emergency Management.

Special & One Day License: Brimfield Winery:

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve a Special & One Day License for Brimfield Winery on June 8th and 9th for a wine tasting, food truck and farmers market event, seconded by (Olszta), all in favor.

License Approvals:

Motion: by (Olszta) move to approve the following Common Victualler Licenses,

CT Yankee Popcorn, C. Chesley, Bristol, CT

Press n'it, M. Mathew, Millbury, MA

Padthai, S. Lerdsidthichai, Woodside, NY

Jay's Wicked, S. Green, Ware, MA

seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

7:00 p.m.

Pole hearing for Brookfield Road:

Diane Klowes from National Grid came before the board for approval on the following pole and wire locations petition filed by National Grid. National Grid requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Brookfield Road: #27752417

Reason: National Grid to install (1) JO pole on Brookfield Rd. beginning at a point approximately 1186 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Devils Ln. Install proposed pole #89-50 and anchor for proposed new service to HSE #248 Brookfield Rd.

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve petition by National Grid for Brookfield Road #27752417, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

7:15 p.m. Public Access

None

Old Business:

Contracts with towns using gas tanks and rental space:

(Olszta) inquired about the new public safety building and whether there would be agreements or contracts with other towns for the fuel tanks.

Personnel Policy review:

(Haley) updated the board on pages 38 and 41 of the personnel policy and to please review. The rest should be ready at the next meeting.

Office Matters: Mail

Review Wales Food Pantry budget:

Discussion of and understanding the budget. Seems like quite a bit of money for the amount of households. E. Pittsinger is no longer attending for Brimfield. If the CDBG funds don't come through the food bank could fail.

New Business:

Sr. Work off:

Sr. Work off for Town Gardner was requested by Carol Davin. Board would like to meet her at the next meeting before approving.

Public Access:

The board gave B. Datz their blessing to proceed with his needs for upgrades on equipment that would be paid for out of Cable grant funds.

Appointments:

Discussion on whether boards can review appointment requests before coming to the Selectmen.

Pod purchase for town:

The Police Chief would like to purchase a pod for storage in the amount of \$2,950. This would allow his office contents a safe and secure place while renovations are being done. Once empty it can either be used for Police bike storage or Highway can use it for tires, etc.

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve use of funds from the Town Hall expense account to purchase a pod, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Town Hall storm windows:

(Haley) asked about looking into getting information about replacement of storm windows for the Town Hall.

Motion: by (Olszta) move to approve (Haley) searching for a contractor that could weatherize the Town Hall windows, seconded by (Shea), all in favor.

Adjourn:

Motion: by (Haley) move to adjourn at 7:27 p.m., seconded by (Olszta), all in favor.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 13, 2019 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Camerota

Transcribed by: Carol Camerota

ACCEPTED: *Nick K... ..* DATE: 5/13/19

Documents Utilized for this meeting

MATERIALS FOR BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE

1. Public safety borrowing
2. Minutes of April 16, 2019
3. Sip & Stars request
4. Sr. Center lease agreement
5. Code Red email
6. Appointment letters
7. Special & One day license
8. Annual Common Victualler's