

Town of Brimfield
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall, 21 Main Street
Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2017

Present: Chair; Michael Miller, Vice Chair; Harold Leaming, member; Paul McCarthy, member; Paul Vandal, absent member; Michele-Lee Shea, recording; Carol Camerota, ~~ABSENT~~
Others: Accountant; Marie Arsenault, Police Chief Kuss, Town Clerk; Robert Sullivan

Cable recording: Bob Datz

(Miller) called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Payroll & Warrants:

Signed by Board. (Miller) remarked at the Accountants hard work on the recap and tracking of employee's vacation and sick time. Discussion of electronic signatures. In view of the fact that the entire warrant would have to be scanned for the board to know what they were signing there will be no action for now.

Minutes: Review and sign minutes of August 7, 2017.

(Miller) correction on title of Vice Chair and acting Chair.

Motion #18-027: by (Leaming) move to accept minutes of August 7, 2017 as amended, seconded by (McCarthy), all in favor.

Review & Action:

Green Communities Fuel Efficient vehicles:

(McCarthy) has been working with PVPC on getting Brimfield set up as a Green Community. A list of vehicles was submitted to Lori Tanner. Table until next meeting.

Sr. Tax Work off:

Motion #18-028: by (Miller) move to approve Gloria Hunt for the Sr. Tax work off program for COA, seconded by (Leaming), all in favor.

Annual Common Victualler:

Motion #18-029: by (McCarthy) move to approve an Annual Common Victualler for Brian Treitman-B.T.'s Smokehouse, Sturbridge, MA, seconded by (Leaming), all in favor.

Appointments:

Motion #18-030: by (Leaming) move to approve appointment for Carolyn Haley as Building Department Clerk until June 30, 2018, seconded by (McCarthy), all in favor. (Miller) abstain

Change order for Annex structural work:

Dymon Building has started the structural work on the Annex building. In order to cut down on moisture in the small basement area at the front of the building, he would like to pour a concrete floor. This will also help support the new beams and lally columns. The area would then be useable and easier to maintain. (Miller) would also like to see if the stairs could be replaced.

Motion #18-031: by (McCarthy) move to approve additional funds for replacement of the stairs and pouring of a concrete floor, but not to exceed \$1,500, seconded by (Miller), all in favor.

New Business:

MMPA annual dues were discussed and how the site offers personnel information and education for municipalities. The board will continue this year with the annual fee of \$200.

Old Business:

Storage Pods:

The storage pods behind the town hall still have items that need to be moved or disposed of. The board would like a memo to go out again reminding departments of a September 1st deadline. Some Historical items can be stored in the town hall attic for safe keeping.

Power Management:

(McCarthy) spoke with Guardian Energy who the town has already been in communications with. He suggested waiting to sign with Power Management to see what figures Guardian comes back with. He will send a letter to Power Management and put the project on hold.

(Leaming) thanked Anne Gobi and her work with small communities and businesses.

Public Access:

None

Motion #18-032: by (Miller) move to adjourn from open session at 7:33 p.m. and enter into Executive session M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 219a) #3 To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and adjourn from there. Roll call as follows:

(Miller) – Yes (McCarthy) – Yes (Leaming) – Yes (Shea) – Yes Vandal) - Yes

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Selectmen

September 5, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Camerota

Recording: Carol Camerota

ACCEPTED: Michael P.M.L. DATE: 9-5-17

Documents Utilized for this meeting

MATERIALS FOR BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE

1. Meeting minutes of August 7, 2017
2. Common Victualler for B.T's Smokehouse
3. Sr. Tax Work off for Gloria Hunt
4. Appointment for Carolyn Haley
5. MMPA membership info