

Town of Brimfield
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Annex – 21 Main Street
Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2019

Present: Chair; Paul McCarthy, Vice Chair; Paul Vandal, member; Carolyn Haley member (Remote attendance), Michele-Lee Shea (absent), member; Ryan Olszta (absent) Recording: Admin; Carol Camerota,
Others: Police Chief; Charles Kuss, Fire Chief; Brendan McCarthy, Conservation; R. deBruyn, Finance; M. Doyle, COA; E. Pittsinger, Town Clerk; R. Sullivan, ZBA; M. MacFadden, Earl Rhodes, Kate Corriveau, Crystal McGuire, Paula Pissano and David Maseka

Cable recording: Jason Bolte and Hannah Martin
Call to order: 6:30 p.m.
(McCarthy) called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Due to not having a quorum (Haley) was called and agreed to attend the meeting remotely by phone.

Payroll & Warrants:
Reviewed and signed by present members.

Minutes:
Review and approve minutes of January 7, 2019 open and executive

Motion: by (McCarthy) move to approve minutes of January 7, 2019 as written, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Motion: by (McCarthy) move to approve executive minutes of January 7, 2019 as written and available for release, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Review & Action

Auction Barn-Rusty Corriveau: Food Truck/Wine Tasting in June and Reevaluate Common Victualler fee:

K. Corriveau approached the Board about licenses for Brimfield Winery holding its first Pioneer Valley Food Truck and Wine tasting festival on June 8 and 9. It will also include a Farmer's Market. Some first time vendors find it difficult to pay their fee to the BOH, BOS and the Winery. She would like to know if the Selectmen would consider reducing the Common Victualler rate. Discussion as to whether the BOH Farmer's Market fee was spot specific or not. The Board will look into the fees and regulations for Common Victualler License.

Conservation R. deBruyn: MVP Grant:

R. deBruyn came to the Board to speak for A. Panaccione about a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant. This Grant could benefit the town with climate change and hazards that affect the community. Grant funds would cover organizing people, workshops for the group to developing plans for responding to disasters better. Once proposal is accepted the money is received. A Selectmen will need to be represented on this committee. The Board supports this aggressive attempt to mitigate moving forward. (Haley) was concerned about this being a duplication of efforts already done, but it is not. The Highway Surveyor is in support. Hold signing letter until next meeting.

7:00 p.m. Public Access

Resident Earl Rhodes commented on the condition of Grand Trunk with garbage all over. He questioned what the zoning laws were. Hiker's property was also mentioned. The board will bring this up at the next meeting with field owners.

Bylaw committee member:

The Town Clerk is looking for another member for the Bylaw Committee and Mr. Rhodes has agreed to be appointed.

Motion: by (McCarthy) move to appoint Earl Rhodes as Bylaw Committee member, seconded by (Haley), all in favor.

R. deBruyn from also made comment on the Grand Trunk property and Conservations concerns with the wetlands. The Chair encourages resident to come in with Articles they would like to see for new Bylaws.

Class II MV License:

Compass Auto Sales, 4 Old Palmer Road (License and complaint):

Agenda item taken out of order to hear a complaint from Paula Pissano and David Maseka who drove up from NY. They purchased a car from Compass a few months ago and it won't pass inspection. They had inspection done by Lindale Garage and the vehicle had major rot and was unsafe to drive. The owner of Compass has refused to return their money or phone calls and text messages. They feel he is operating outside the State Lemon Law. Discussion of all the attempts and if the board is within their jurisdiction of refusing his license renewal. Town Counsel will need to be contacted and the owner will be requested to attend the next meeting. The board is trying to do the right thing but also need to make sure what authority they have to deny a license. Chief Kuss briefly discussed the States Lemon Law and Buyer beware.

Annual Common Victualler:

Motion: by (McCarthy) move to approve Annual Common Victualler for Traveling Gourmet Catering, S. Renaud, Northborough, MA, D & L Lobster Express, D. Pettengill, Charlestown, RI and Village Green Campground, L. Twarowski, 228 Sturbridge Rd, Brimfield, seconded by (Haley), all in favor.

Annual Flea Market Owner Operator:

Motion: by (McCarthy) move to approve Annual Flea Market Owner Operator licenses for NE Motel, Doldoorian, 30 Palmer Road, Central Park, P. Waite, 25 Palmer Road, Brimfield Acres North, S. Rohrbacher, 74 Palmer Road, Hertan's, D. Lamberto, 6 Mill Lane, Brimfield Antique Market, S. Tetreault, Rt 20 & Holland Road, Meadows Antique Shows, R. Christo, 40 Palmer Road, seconded by (Haley), all in favor.

Class II MV License:

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve Class II MV License for Advanced Wheels of Technology, Inc. 4 Old Palmer Road seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Compass Auto License not signed, request he attend the next meeting

Motion: by McCarthy move to approve Class II MV License for Benoit Welding & Repair, B. Benoit, 244 E. Old Sturbridge Road, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

(update):Class II and III MV License:

M. MacFadden spoke on behalf of David Bell owner of Automotive Specialties, dba Classic Heaven, 86 Holland Road. He has not received his license yet and needs it to continue conducting business and keep his dealer plate. Mr. Bell reached out to the Zoning Officer and never heard back. He has been operating his business in town for 32 years and has never had a problem. The Zoning Officer has had 2 weeks since the last meeting to conduct an inspection.

Motion: by (McCarthy) move to approve Class II and Class II MV Licenses for Automotive Specialties, dba Classic Heaven with the stipulation that the Zoning Officer will have 10 days to inspect. Police Chief Kuss informed the board he would inspect tomorrow and report back, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Highway/MassDOT: Proof of signature:

Chair signed Mass/DOT document allowing Highway Surveyor, Zachary Lemieux Authorization to sign contracts.

Brimfield Ambulance-Use of Common for plant sale:

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve Brimfield Ambulance use of common on May 11, 2019 for their annual plant sale, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Wales Food Pantry Agenda for 12/18/18 and Bylaws:

The board will review documents submitted by the Wales Food Pantry and the E. Pittsinger's response. Next agenda

Incentives for electric vehicles:

No action was taken on an email received by a town resident asking if there were any incentives for electric vehicle charging stations in town. The Police Chief replied that in some towns the Police Dept. provides these but it is at the town's expense.

New Business:

Sr. Center Lease:

E. Pittsinger brought to the boards attention the lease renewal for the Sr. Center located at the Congregational Church. The 5 year lease of \$8,214.85 per year would have an additional \$387.12 per month added for new air conditioning. Total cost for air conditioning would be \$23,227.20. The Building Committee is currently looking into options for building a new Sr. Center. Hold until discussions with Finance.

Fire Chief: Budget and Ambulance:

B. McCarthy came to the board to actually discuss the potential operating budget of Ambulance and EMS if the town were to take it on. Finance is looking for the Fire Dept. to submit any proposals for taking over Ambulance. He would like permission to be a representative of Brimfield when speaking to Holland and Wales regarding commitment. All 3 towns need to agree before it can come to the ATM. The board was in favor of pursuing the conversation.

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve B. McCarthy as representative of Brimfield in conversations with Holland and Brimfield about Ambulance and EMS being operated through the town of Brimfield, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

The Fire Chief asked the board for clarification of what his position entails under Chapter 42-44 and what authorization he has. The board will inquire.

The Fire Chief will also be submitting a Warrant Article for 2 new Scott Pac Breathing masks for the department in the amount of \$18,000

FY20 BOS Budget and Annual Report:

The board will begin working on the FY20 budget and the annual report.

Announcement: Planning Board would like BOS & Town Counsel to attend Feb. 6th Hearing. (Permission to ask Town Counsel)
The board gave their approval.

Old Business:

Personnel Policy review:

(Haley) and (Olszta) continue to work on this.

IT update:

A 5 year plan of 3 tiers of fiber will cost \$500 to \$600 per month. The board will notify and discuss with Finance.

(Haley) said she had been asked by Mr. Stearns of any follow up on Washington Road. Chief continues to send officers to that location and has not heard back from DOT yet.

Brimfield Community Partnership would like to move the Easter carnival on the common to Saturday, April 6th instead of the 13th due to a conflict with the Congregational Church. Rain date of the 7th.

Office Matters: Mail

Upcoming Meetings:

February 4, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Motion: by (McCarthy) to adjourn at 8:23 p.m., seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Selectmen

February 4, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Camerota

Recording: Carol Camerota

ACCEPTED: Michelle Lewis DATE: 2/4/19

Documents Utilized for this meeting

MATERIALS FOR BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE

1. Minutes of January 7, 2019
2. MCP Grant-Conservation
3. Common Victualler, Class II and owner operator licenses
4. Wales Food Pantry Agendas
5. Mass DOT signature authorization
6. Sr. Center lease
7. Ambulance/EMS proposed budget
8. Request for use of common-Ambulance
9. Incentives for electric vehicle charging stations