

Town of Brimfield
Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Annex – 21 Main Street
Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2019

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

Others: Finance; Police Chief; Charles Kuss, COA; Eva Pittsinger, Hywy Surveyor; Zach Lemieux and Mark Gebo

Cable recording: J. Bolte

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

(McCarthy) thanked those who came out for the Annual Town Meeting. It was well attended and ran smoothly.

Payroll & Warrants:
Signed by Board

Minutes: Review & approve open and executive minutes of May 13, 2019 and minutes of May 20, 2019

Motion: by (Olszta) move to approve open and executive minutes of May 13, 2019, seconded by (Haley), all in favor.

Motion: by (Olszta) move to approve minutes of May 20, 2019, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Review & Action:

Civic Plus agreement and contact:

The Board needs to sign an agreement for Civic Plus formally known as Virtual Town Hall. The website will be upgraded to a new user friendly platform.

Motion: by (Olszta) move to accept agreement for Civic Plus for 3 years, seconded by (Vandal). (Olszta) and (Shea) would like to be on a team or website committee for this. All in favor.

E. Pittsinger questioned My Town Government and this new site as far as posting meetings was concerned.

Signature for Thames River payment form:

Chair signed a signature for Thames River in order for the Grant funds to be sent to the town.

Signature for age friendly community:

E. Pittsinger spoke about the town becoming an "Age Friendly Community". The World Health Organization helps communities meet the needs of older residents with programs to help them age in place. This will also open the door for grant opportunities. This program will go hand in hand with ADA compliance. She already had 3 volunteers willing to work on this.

Motion: by (Haley) move forward with the "Age Friendly Community" agreement, seconded by (McCarthy), all in favor.

Appointments:

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve appointments for Mary Bernstein, Bob Corry, Francis Langevin, Cindy Skowyra, Bernie Samek and Phil Carpenter to Memorial Day Committee until June 30, 2020 and Bob Corry to Historical Commission until 6/30/2022, seconded by (Shea), all in favor.

Motion: by (Vandal) move to approve appointment for Charles Kuss as Chief of Police until 6/30/2022, seconded by (Shea), all in favor. (Olszta) abstain

Agricultural Committee: James Brown taking over as Chair, Adam Garvey not renewing

License Approvals:

Motion: by (Haley) move to approve Annual Common Victuallers for Quinebaug Cove Campground, F. Benoit, 40 E. Brimfield Holland Rd., Sun Kim Bop, LLC, Springfield, MA, Frederyque's Delights, W. Koetsch, Ware, MA and Kettle Korn Hut, J. LeBlanc, Lake Worth, FL. Lodging House for Nathan Goodale House, M. Koprowski, 11 Warren Road, seconded by (Olszta), all in favor.

7:00 p.m. Public Access

Mark Gebo of 96 Cubles Drive came before the ^{berm}board to complain about a water runoff issue he is having on Cubles Drive. A ~~burn~~ berm was put in at 97 Cubles as directed by highway. Now with the heavy rains water was dammed up and all ends up running into his backyard. There hasn't been a problem for 30 years and every time it rains his neighbor at 97 dams up water from entering her yard and it all

drains on his. His basement has been flooded for 9 days. He is not happy with the highway dept. and how the situation is being handled. The BOH gave variances for the septic at 97 Cubles.

Highway Surveyor arrived at the meeting after watching it being discussed on cable. This was not on the agenda but brought up as public access. Ms. Cormier at 97 Cubles was putting in a foundation on her property. Conservation would not allow directing the run off into the Lake. Lemieux would like to contact town counsel regarding this issue. He has tried to work with both parties and now needs guidance. Minutes from ZBA will be looked at since they also gave a variance. Permission was given to Lemieux to contact town counsel. Topic will be on next agenda.

Old Business:

Personnel Policy review:

Hold

Discussion of Cumberland Farms renovations. Purchase of small building behind Country Bank should be on ZBA's next agenda to combine lots.

New Business:

Office Matters: Mail

Motion: by (Haley) move to Adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 10, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Camerota

Transcribed by: Carol Camerota

ACCEPTED: *Paul McCarthy* DATE: *6/10/2019*

Documents Utilized for this meeting

MATERIALS FOR BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE

1. Minutes from May 13 and 20, 2019
2. Civic Plus Agreement
3. Thames River Signatory page
4. Age Friendly Community info
5. Appointment letter
6. Common Victualler and Lodging House licenses