

Town of Brimfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall, 21 Main Street  
Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2018

Present: Chair: Paul McCarthy, Vice Chair: Michele-Lee Shea, member: Paul Vandal, member: Ryan Olszta; member: Carolyn Haley  
Recording: Admin: Carol Camerota,  
Others: Police Chief: Charles Kuss, Fire Chief: Brendan McCarthy, Finance: Denise Dupont, Mike Doyle, Mike Moloney, Ted Steenson, Pat Kubala, Treasurer-Collector: Andrea Beaudry, Ambulance President: Kay Koprowski, Holland Officials: Earnest Fancy, Bettina Schmit and Janine Drake, Building Clerk: Ginger Beteau, Town Clerk: Robert Sullivan, PVPC: Jim Barry, James Stearns, Jr. and various Washington Rd. residents.

Cable recording: Bob Datz (recording began later in the meeting)  
(McCarthy) called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Payroll & Warrants:**

Reviewed and signed by board.

**Minutes:**

Review and approve minutes of September 10, 2018.

**Motion #18-252:** by (Shea) move to approve minutes as written of September 10, 2018, seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

**Review & Action:**

Jim Barry-Presentation for becoming a Green Community:  
Hold

Faith Ward-Stop Abuse Today, request for use of town common Oct. 7th  
Cancelled

Rose Foulis-Use of common for fitness classes  
Cancelled

Sign on common for Rec Comm. 5k October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Rec would like to put a sign on the common about their 5K.

**Motion #18-253:** by (Shea) approve sign on common for rec and to be removed after event, seconded by (Haley), all in favor.

BOH amended flea market temp. Food application

Highlighted and underlined areas on application have been amended. The board had no concerns. New application will be posted on the BOH page on website.

Clarification of Zoning Bylaws vs 105 CMR – DPH for B & B and Lodging

The Chair sent emails to the Building Commissioner and neighbor of Abigail's Nest in order to keep compliance issues moving and keep everyone informed. Discussion of definitions of B & B Home, Establishment and lodging license and number of people and bedrooms.

**6:45 p.m.**

**Joint session with Finance Committee:**

Ambulance Article for Special Town Meeting:

M. Doyle spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee explaining that there was so much information to absorb and review when considering an Article for the Special Town Meeting that waiting until May should be considered. Chief McCarthy had been working with Finance and they are at a good starting point. And added not that it wouldn't cost the town money but that it was worth the discussion of ambulance service for the residents. Things to consider would be whether to contract out or hire private and how many full or part time paramedics or EMT's would be hired.

B. McCarthy gave the board a disclosure of appearance of conflict of interest to file. Monson Fire Chief McDonald came to speak on behalf of the Fire Department. He explained that merging was not new and uniting two entities under one would be managed by the Selectmen. Monson is a comparable community as far as population and calls were concerned. An ambulance reserve receipts account is established and funds are appropriated for this at the Annual Town Meeting to cover Ambulance, Fire and EMS. Surrounding Fire Chiefs are willing to help the town through the process and it would also open up the availability to apply for grants. Mutual Aid agreements cover back up with surrounding towns. Micro-grants that are available help departments build up their equipment.

The board asked about sharing of services and the financial repercussions.

Finance questioned whether a revolving fund would work better, but Chief McDonald was in favor of the reserve receipts account.

Finance was concerned about personnel and time frame needed for securing licenses and taking over after the ATM. BOS and personnel would need to determine employees, time and a cost share arrangement with Holland and Wales so Brimfield didn't get left holding the unpaid balances.

Holland BOS voiced that they were not interested in doing any billing. Currently Monson's billing is done by a third party and collecting of any outstanding invoices. More discussions need to take place with Finance Committee, Treasurer-Collector and Accountant to get more concrete #'s and discuss lease agreements, capital plan with cost sharing agreements and possibly speaking with Town Counsel. Budget proposals for FY20 will begin in several months.

Finance also suggested considering raising the budget to keep Ambulance running as it is now.

*Joint Session adjourned at 7:24 p.m.*

Jim Barry-Presentation for becoming a Green Community:

The town has worked with PVPC to obtain a Green Community status and received a grant for energy efficiency which was used at the Elementary School for weatherization, LED lights and insulation. The Department of Energy Resources within the Commonwealth of MA recognizes Brimfield as the 25<sup>th</sup> new Green Community. There are 210 in the commonwealth. A certificate was presented to the board along with road signs and a presentation check for \$134,500. The money was used for the Elementary School weatherization project saving the town \$18,000 a year. Competitive grants are also available in the future. March 2019 is the next application deadline.

Annual Common Victualler:

**Motion #18-254:** by (Haley) move to approve an Annual Common Victualler for the Petrie Family Farm-Jessica Petrie, 10 Champeaux Road, seconded by (Shea), all in favor.

**Old Business:**

Update on Washington Road:

J. Stearns said he had not heard anything regarding Palmer Paving and the trucks on Washington Road. Chief Kuss reported that he had a number of patrol cars out there and several citations were issued. He spoke with Mr. Callahan about the trucks. The Police will continue to patrol and he will reach out to the new owners of Palmer Paving. J. Stearns reminded the Chief that the end of the day was a good time to monitor. The residents continue to be concerned about the trucks traveling on the road at high speeds, not stopping at the stop sign and coming over the bridge overloaded. The town should rearrange the truck route because they are tearing up the road. The Chief will reach out to the new owner and the potential of a new route.

Special Town Meeting:

B. Sullivan informed the board that they should have a "Closing Warrant Date" for the Special Town Meeting for petition articles.

**Motion #18-255:** by (McCarthy) move to set the date of the Special Town Meeting for October 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and petitions to be heard on Warrant Closing Date of September 24, 2018, seconded by (Haley), all in favor.

Trash pickup:

The Board of Health is addressing problems with trash pickup.

**New Business:**

None

**Office Matters:**

None

**Public Access:**

None

**Motion #18-256:** by (Haley) move to adjourn at 7:59 p.m., seconded by (Vandal), all in favor.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Selectmen

October 1, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Carol Camerota*

Recording: Carol Camerota

ACCEPTED: *Paul McCarty* DATE: *10-1-2018*

Documents Utilized for this meeting

**MATERIALS FOR BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE**

1. Minutes of September 10, 2018
2. disclosure of appearance of conflict of interest
3. Fire Department Ambulance proposal
4. Annual Common Victualler – Petrie Family Farm
5. Temp. Flea Market food vendor application
6. Request for sign on common · Rec