

**TOWN OF BRADFORD**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES**  
**Monday, May 15, 2023**

**Item 1. Open meeting: 6 pm**

**Attendance:** Errol Hanson, Julie McCarthy, Edward Nevells, Carlene Oakes and Levi Surette

**Pledge of Allegiance:** commenced

**Item 1. May 1, 2023 minutes- Motion made** by Selectman E. Nevells and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman E. Hanson to accept minutes as presented

**Vote 5 in Favor 0 in the Negative**

**Item 2. Review of Treasurer's Warrants: 31,32, 33 and 34 Motion made** by Selectman J. McCarthy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman E. Hanson to accept warrants as presented

**Vote 5 in Favor 0 in the Negative**

**Item 3. Open Session: 9 residents**

P. Murray- handed out a blow up of part of the plans from Swell that purposed a fence around the back retention pond.

T. Lufkin- brought back his fire/ EMS equipment he was honorable discharged from the department after 25 years of service. He asked if he could purchase his turn out gear it is not servable to use as interior gear and it is one year from its expiration date.

**Motion made by Selectman C. Oakes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman J. McCarthy to gift the turn out gear that is not servable for fire use and it's a small thank you for 25 years of volunteer service.**

**Vote 5 in Favor 0 in the Negative**

D. Kelley- Asked for the information on the web to be updated. Explained we have been working on that.

A trash issue on the Middle Rd. He has brought this issue to E. Nevells

Asked for his name not to be brought up in conversations at the fire station and he doesn't have any fire equipment at this home.

Spoke about a clinician for mental health wellness

J. Hatley- spoke to having a food sovereignty ordinance. Informed him it was in the works.

**Item 4. Committee Reports:**

**a. Planning Board / CEO: none**

- b. **Future Fire Station Committee:** Had a tele- conference with USDA Obligation Conference to complete the paper work. The next step will be paper work for the selectmen to complete at a selectmen's meeting.
- c. **Recreation Committee/ Bradford Days committee:** J. McCarthy **spoke** about the equipment that needs to be installed. The Rec Chair will coordinate the logistics of the project.
- d. **Fire Department:** written report- from Chief Young
  - \*1-72 has been fixed price came in over quote, bill was \$4,618.00 this is putting me over budget for 1-72 due to having a service done that was around \$1,200. We also have a hose bed cover thar must be replaced or repaired because it is Maine State law that hose beds must be covered and secure. It still needs an inspection sticker.
  - \*We have washed Middle Rd. Bridge and Tasker Bridge. The Williams Rd Bridge will be finished this week. The Tasker Bridge approaching the bridge the sides need to be taken care of like the Williams rd. had done last year.
  - \*Homeowner of the house across the Tasker Bridge has asked if the Town could demolish the house the rest of the way due to children playing inside the house all floors have fallen inside the basement. Very Dangerous!
  - \*Calendars we are waiting on the start-up package from the company. We are doing them different. They will be mailed in the mail with a donation letter and a return envelope as well adding fire safety tips to the calendar which will give us 5 points towards increasing our ISO rating per calendar company.
  - \*Todd Lufkin is honorable discharged after 25 years of service at the Bradford Fire Rescue. We will be having an award ceremony and a pot luck dinner for him date to be determined still waiting on trophy we purchased for him. He is requesting to keep his EMT fire gear he says it is 25 years old. It was purchased in 2015 this is gear that cannot be used inside house fires. The decision is up to the Board for I cannot give away town property.
  - \*The association is buying a new desktop for Bradford Fire Rescue do to the one we have is falling to pieces. The new one purchased is \$1,200.

E. Hanson spoke to the Fire Chief from Waterville and there is no law that he knows of that the Fire Chief has to hold a EMS license. MMA said they should be trained to full fill their duties.

**Motion made by Selectman E. Nevells and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman C. Oakes to remove from the Fire Chief job description that the Fire Chief must be EMS certified within one year of accepting the position.**

**Vote            3 in Favor    2 in the Negative (E. Hanson, L. Surette)**

- e. **Road Commissioner:** Hopkins would like to pave in Bradford in July for that is when they will be paving in Hudson. Motion made Selectmen L. Surette and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman E. Hanson to pace the Pond Rd and replace the 2 galvanized culverts with plastic ones.

**Vote            5 in Favor                    0 in the Negative**

Gravel – bid it out by the yard compacted and leveled. 1 ½” minus. Have marked out some areas that need gravel. J. McCarthy brought up that the State recommended ¾” crushed stone size gravel so it compacts better.

Ditching- named a few places Reeves and Marshall Rd.

Grading – cost per mile- knowing how much we spend on each road why are we spending so much on each road. J. McCarthy asked about who the operators are and would like to know who is doing each road also make sure they are grading at 4%.

Mg pump- R. Jack is putting it on. Used 500 gallons at C.P.S.W.F.

Lock box for inside the garage and keyless entry for the garage door. **Motion made by Selectmen E. Hanson and seconded by Selectman J. McCarthy to purchase a keyless entry door lock and lock box and not to spend more than \$150.00.**

**Vote            5 in Favor                    0 in the Negative**

C. Oakes spoke to B. Bernosky about beavers. \$1 per mile, \$25 an hour, \$100 a setup and \$50 a beaver does not want to clean out screens.

William Rd Bridge needs to be cleaned out there isn't much water it appears as if the beavers have made several damns further up on the north side of the bridge.

- f. **Town Manager:** The office continues to be very busy the weekly average for vehicle registration is 45 that is up by 13 more a week then last year. We are also processing a lot more vehicles from out of state. Property continues to move quickly many calls from the real estate community

I have an ordinance from Island Falls for the Board - Food Sovereignty Ordinance- it hasn't been put forth to a lawyer but was taken from MMA. This was put in place due to a farm stand and what products they were selling.

Tried to reach out about the selling deadline date of the rock rake. I was only reaching the fax number. Sent message by fax.

Conference call with USDA- completed grant obligation paper work.

Gravel class- Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>

J. McCarthy asked if we had a moderator hand book, getting quotes on printing the town report. What about CD's?

#### **Item 5. Old Business:**

- a. **Text messaging plan- table until put into place**
- b. **Rock rake-** sent a fax to them E. Hanson also said he spoke with them and they should be coming in to pay for the rock rake and pick up the receipt for the grader they bought last year.
- c. **Ethic policy-** J. McCarthy – asked to work on it a page at a time. Tabled to the end of the meeting
- d. **Selling of the tables-** J. McCarthy- Have an offer for \$500 for all tables there hasn't been any movement on the site. It was suggested from the public what about

government auction web site. **Motion made by Selectmen J. McCarthy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman E. Hanson to sell the tables now for the offer of \$500 for all 4 tables.**

**Discussion- E. Nevells drop \$100 and hold to the plan**

**Vote        3 in Favor                    2 in the Negative (E. Nevells, C. Oakes)**

- e. **Cemetery Trees/ Stones- E. Hanson – trees at Corner and Mills Cemetery- **Motion made by Selectmen J. McCarthy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman E. Hanson to have Tucker’s Tree Service to do the removal of tress for the price of \$2,450.00.****

**Vote                    5 in Favor        0 in the Negative**

Will also ask them to replace the monument that forgot to replace in Hillside Cemetery

The Charleston prisoners are still scheduled to come in and work on stones just don’t know when. They are behind schedule.

The signs are in rough shape the volunteers are going to try to paint them. L. Surette will look into getting new signs.

**Item 6. New Business:**

- a. **Appointments signed** – acted on
- b. **Mon- Fri communication-** E. Hanson- Leave a message on the answering machine it gets answered to whether you are calling as an individual or as a board member.
- c. **Bridge Ranger (DOT)-** J. McCarthy- would like to have him out and meet with 2 board members to look at our bridges.
- d. **Town Sexton-** J. McCarthy- to have A. Lord said he would come out for free to train someone map out the grave sites. Matthew McCarthy volunteered to learn. J. McCarthy would like to compensate A. Lord for his time.  
Tabled to next week

**Item 7. Correspondence- none**

**Item 8. Request for additional Agenda Items:**

- a. **Newsletter suggestions for July- J. McCarthy-** Fiber optics, T. Lufkin write up by Fire Chief, Graduating H.S. Students, Fundraising ideas
- b. **Agenda & Minutes Policy- J. McCarthy-** table until June meeting hope to vote on it then added a few things.
- c. **Rules of Engagement- J. McCarthy-** how do you want to be contacted?  
J. McCarthy land line, if an emergency cell phone, weekends only emergencies  
E. Hanson- doesn’t matter  
L. Surette- will answer his phone any time
- d. **Face Book Messages- J. McCarthy-** Highlighted a business but then took it down for someone commented was she going to highlight all business.

- e. **Who is to contact contractors- E. Hanson- Summer and Winter Maintenance- Motion made by E. Hanson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. McCarthy that E. Nevells and L. Surette be the contact people for the Summer and Winter Maintenance Contractors.**

**Vote 5 in Favor 0 in the Negative**

- f. **Town web site ownership of Bradfordmaine.org – J. McCarthy-** will get what info she has to E. Nevells and the T. M will give him what she has. Need to decide at next meeting if Husson University is going to do the web site or not for free.
- g. **Last meetings motion: Motion made by Selectman J. McCarthy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman L. Surette that the T.M. cannot bring anyone to work that is not a town employee.**

**Vote 3 in Favor 1 in the Negative (E. Nevells) 1 abstention (C. Oakes)**

E. Hanson stated that he thinks things got a bit confused with all the discussion that went on it was for any town employee. L. Surette said he thought that too. J. McCarthy stated she went back and listened to the tape and no she said Town Manager.

**Motion made by Selectmen J. McCarthy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman E. Hanson no town employee can bring any one with them to work during work hours without prior Select Board approval.**

**Vote 4 in Favor 1 in the Negative (E. Nevells)**

**Item 9. Executive Session: none**

**Item 10. Adjourn: 9:53 pm**

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Selectman Errol Hanson

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Selectman Julie McCarthy

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Selectman Edward Nevells

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Selectman Carlene Oakes

\_\_Absent to sign\_\_\_\_\_

Selectman Levi Surette