

Board of Selectmen
Minutes March 30, 2021

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Ken Christiansen, Chair
Robert Mantegari
Jon Morgan
Jonathan Frizzell
Andrew Artimovich (zoom)

Christiansen called the meeting to order. The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for the late Jane Byrne.

The board granted permission for Artimovich to participate remotely.

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Please see last page to view the report.

Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Frizzell to approve the public minutes of 3/23/2021 as written. Mantegari – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye, Artimovich – abstain, and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Christiansen to approve the non-public minutes of 3/23/2021 as written. Mantegari – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye, Artimovich – abstain, and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Kip Kaiser, Building Inspector, had the following building permits to be approved this week:

- Suvrnabhum, LLC, 340 Route 125, remove and replace shingles and siding: signed by Board.
- 3-Ponds, LLC, 10 James Circle, add 14x12 screened porch to new dwelling: signed by Board.
- Lisa Boyer, 47 Northrup Drive, install air source heat pump water tank: signed by Board.
- 3-Ponds, LLC, 2 James Circle, plumbing for new dwelling: signed by Board.
- 3-Ponds, LLC, 15 James Circle, plumbing for new dwelling: signed by Board.
- Paul Currie, 19 Lake Road, replace siding, windows and doors: signed by Board.
- Helen Smith, 321 South Road, install temporary electrical service: signed by Board.
- Christopher Beebe, 335 South Road, replace water heater: signed by Board.
- David Ross, 79 Mohawk Lane, 3/4 bath to basement: signed by Board.

Christiansen explained that the BOS will be signing the invoice and check for the Brentwood Newsletter based on the citizen legislators that met on March 13th at the town meeting. He explained that there are 2 caveats – adding a disclaimer and removing it from the website for the town of Brentwood. Morgan asked the Chair if this was something that we should be talking about and added that there were 80-90 people on zoom that were not allowed to speak. Morgan said that we had agreed to let them speak before we sign the check. Christiansen said that was never the deal and Morgan said he absolutely objects and that there is no reason that we should be silencing people in that room (zoom).

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Morgan said he will be so vocal about this and wanted to make that very clear.

Christiansen explained that he made the decision to terminate the zoom call meeting so that we can have a bigger discussion on a later date at the Brentwood Recreation Center (BRC). Mantegari explained that we ratified that vote at the town meeting on the budget, that it came before the budget committee and the Select board. Morgan said that authorization is not appropriation and Mantegari explained that the money has already been appropriated. Morgan asked to see the RSA as it is State law. Clement read the RSA 32:3 and 32:10 and explained that there is an ability to transfer one line to another. Morgan explained that if we force this through, he wants to have a statement on record. Christiansen asked Morgan if there was anything else, he wanted to be on record and Morgan said yes, that the legacy Christiansen was leaving by being silent on this issue is one of complicity, racism and bigotry, we are being silent and silence is complicity and racism and bigotry, period.

Frizzell explained that he had read the article and had written a letter to the BOS which included that Mr. Gagnon owned his own perspective on the topic, he was representing his opinions – that he was not denying racism but is unhappy about the system. Frizzell explained that he fully disagreed with Mr. Gagnon, however, we need to be civil with each other and have these conversations. Frizzell said that everyone has the right to their own opinion and that he trusts Robin Wrighton (Editor) and commends her. He said we need to look around our neighborhoods, realize we have a place in common and start from there. We cannot let the media, social or otherwise have that conversation for us. He believes Wrighton will publish an op-ed and believes this might be the time for an outside consultant.

Mantegari said he would like BNL to be removed from the website and Christiansen said that was happening. Frizzell asked what the BNL agreed to, and Christiansen said the caveat was that they would disassociate themselves from that of the town. He explained that the seal is an issue as it is not trademarked, so anyone has the right to use it. The other caveat is to eliminate them from the town's official website. Mantegari said that we should have the conversations and agrees to having a meeting at the BRC so that we can hear people's voices, so that we can share that with the BNL, and then next year when they come before us and ask for funds that is the time to look at it.

Clement offered a compromise – the budget was appropriated for \$10,200 a year, 12 issues so \$850 per issue. She asked that we expend the dollars they have expended this year and hold the rest. Mantegari said that we should go forward as we have committed and address in the Fall in budget season. He said we have a duty to pay the invoice.

Kim Leo, 23 Lebreux Street, said the editorial means it is supported by the town. She said there is a problem with the newsletter and a problem with you not allowing people to talk about it. She explained that she tried at town meeting but did not understand it had to be brought up at the first article. Christiansen said he made a commitment, and we will have a second meeting at the BRC.

Bill Faria, 209 South Road, said he has heard both sides and agrees we need to have a conversation. He said that Brentwood is not a racist town and the easiest way to cut off conversations is to call someone racist or to call the town racist. We agree to have a conversation.

Morgan made a motion, 2nd by Frizzell to delay payment until after the meeting. Mantegari said we should honor our commitment and pay the bill and address this going forward at next year's budgeting for the BNL. Mantegari asked to modify the motion to honor our commitment and get a legislative

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body together and ratify everything that was done by the Board and by the budget committee, then once they have reviewed everything, take it to town meeting. Artimovich asked Morgan if he will take the modification to pay the 4 issues we have already. Morgan replied that he does not want to pay, he has committed to hearing from the people. Artimovich said that we should pay for services rendered. Artimovich made an amended motion, 2nd by Morgan to pay for the 4 issues that have been issued (Clement confirmed this would be \$3400 of the \$10200 budget). Mantegari – nay, Artimovich – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye and Christiansen – nay. The motion carries.

Christiansen read this week's notes:

1. 335 Rte. 125 has timely filed an application for site plan with the planning board. Bruce Stevens, planning board chair, was in attendance and said that the planning board will vote on this at their next meeting, this Thursday night. Stevens said they need to determine if the application submitted is sufficient or not.

Documents to sign:

- 1 AN Whipple: Letter to Annul Notice of Award for the Mill Road bridge. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Morgan to sign the letter to Annul Notice of Award. Mantegari – aye, Artimovich – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.
- 2 BOS Handbook: Clement advised that the only change from the hard copy to the one on the drive is to the Representatives for each board. This is decided to be tabled until all BOS have had the opportunity to read it.
- 3 Appointment slips for ZBA: Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Frizzell to sign the Appointment slips for ZBA for Ken Christiansen, Doug Cowie and Steve Hamilton's for 3 a year term expiring March 2024. Mantegari – aye, Artimovich – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye and Christiansen – abstains. The motion carries.

At 6:53pm Christiansen advised of a break to make copies of the BOS handbook for the BOS. During this time Rebecca Dunham, 9 Block Drive, presented a handout of some of the history from previous BNL's over the last 45 years.

At 6:58pm Christiansen resumed the meeting. Christiansen said we need to decide the date for the 2nd meeting for the BNL and for the public to speak to it. Frizzell mentioned holding the meeting at EHS and asked the difference in costs. Mantegari said the BRC is free and Frizzell agreed to hold the 2nd meeting at the BRC. Morgan made a motion, 2nd by Frizzell to have the 2nd meeting regarding the discussion of the BNL at the BRC on 4/20/21 at 6pm. Dunham, 9 Block Drive, asked for time limits and Christiansen said we will ask for 3 minutes or less (per speaker). Clement said that we can move it outside if we need more room. Chief Daniel Wicks said that he will have Police Officers there.

Lois DeYoung, 105 Crawley Falls Road, asked when the checks will be issued for the 4 BNL's that have already been issued. Clement advised they will be approved in next week's manifest.

Clement explained that BMSI, our current accounting software provider, has currently released a lot of web-based upgrades. Clement asked for \$6161.30 out of the capital reserves fund for these upgrades

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to our current applications. Frizzell made a motion, 2nd by Morgan to use \$6131.30 out of the capital reserves fund for the software upgrades. Mantegari – aye, Artimovich – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries. Clement said that July 15th is the target conversion date.

Liz Faria, 209 South Road, said if the non-public session is to discuss the police matrix then it has already been approved and should not be a non-public discussion. Christiansen explained that there is a change in the Board, and they will treat it as a new Board issue. However, they are going into nonpublic for personnel.

Leddy Bedard, 198 Middle Road, asked who is allowed to speak at the 2nd BNL meeting? Christiansen said the citizens of Brentwood. Bedard asked who was allowed to attend or speak, specifically if a non-resident and Christiansen said if we have a non-resident, we will ask everyone present if they will allow that person to speak. Dunham asked if press will be allowed and Christiansen said it is a public meeting, so anyone can come.

Eric Turer, 33 Peabody Drive, (zoom) suggests the BOS make this an event that people can register for or sign up for. Make the option available for a different location if we are not able to accommodate everyone. Christiansen said there is sufficient lighting to illuminate parking lot area. Dunham asked what the hope and achievement will be for this meeting? To fund the BNL or to not fund the BNL? Christiansen said we will take the information we receive, and we will discuss further action at the meeting on May 4th.

At 7:15pm a motion was made by Mantegari, 2nd by Morgan to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for personnel. Mantegari – aye, Artimovich – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye, and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

At 7:37 pm a motion was made by Mantegari, 2nd by Morgan, to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Mantegari – aye, Artimovich – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye, and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

At 7:37 pm motion was made by Mantegari, 2nd by Morgan to adjourn. Mantegari – aye, Artimovich – aye, Frizzell – aye, Morgan – aye, and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Parkhurst

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WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT

DATE: **3/30/2021**

Citizens General Fund:

Previous Balance:	23,434.22		
Deposits:	32,644.99	Incl. \$1715.00 @ TD	
Payroll:	27,593.46	DDP: \$26,186.39	CK: \$1407.07
FICA:	6,788.62		
to Impact Fees			
A/P: Regular	\$20,151.03	*Co-op: \$607,635	*Swasey: \$179,000
Non-A/P	2,000,000.00	Transferred to TD on 3/26/2021	
void checks			
From MMA	2,000,000.00		*Via ACH, from TD Bank

TO MMA

Account Balance:	1,546.10	at Citizens
Account Balance:	1,215,080.00	at TD Bank
Interest Earned YTD:	2.75	

CD's

MMA:

Unrestricted Balance:	2,201,259.67
Total Invested Funds:	2,201,259.67
Interest Earned YTD:	961.27

Jonathan Ellis, Treasurer
Joyce A. Gallant, Deputy Treasurer