

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes May 04, 2021

Convened at 6:00 pm

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

Christiansen called the meeting to order. The board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register that consisted of 2 checks.

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

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

- Scott Barthelemy, 470 Rte. 125, plumbing for agricultural store: signed by Board.
- Jeff Bryan, 61 Lyford Lane, electrical for basement remodel: signed by Board.
- Richard Sheehy, 8 Sanborn Way, remove & replace house and garage roofs: signed by Board.
- Martin Flinders, 60 Mohawk Lane, extend existing deck: signed by Board.
- Kiki Wahl, 32 Brook Crossing, install AC electrical circuit: signed by Board.
- Helen Smith, 321 South Road, temporary mobile home May-Oct: signed by Board.
- Jon Blyth, 84 Mohawk Lane, finish basement: signed by Board.
- Walter Porter, 172 Pickpocket Road, new dwelling: signed by Board.
- Walter Porter, 172 Pickpocket Road, connect 200-amp service: signed by Board.
- Walter Porter, 172 Pickpocket Road, install two sinks and toilet: signed by Board.
- 3-Ponds LLC, 21 James Circle, rough & finish wire new home: signed by Board.
- 3-Ponds LLC, 23 James Circle, rough & finish wire new home: signed by Board.
- 3-Ponds LLC, 25 James Circle, rough & finish wire new home: signed by Board.
- 3-Ponds LLC, 27 James Circle, rough & finish wire new home: signed by Board.
- 3-Ponds LLC, 29 James Circle, rough & finish wire new home: signed by Board.

Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to approve the public minutes of 4/20/2021. Morgan says that per the BOS handbook, RSA:91A points out everyone person that comes before a public body and speaks should be listed in the minutes with a brief summary due to the public records act. Clement advised that she will read the statute and we will table the 4/20 minutes if they are to be amended. Christiansen said we will delay the vote on 4/20 minutes until they are redone.

Morgan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Artimovich to approve the public minutes of 4/22/2021 as written. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – abstain, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – abstain, Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Artimovich made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve the nonpublic minutes of 4/22/2021 as written. Morgan –

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aye, Frizzell – abstain, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye, Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Clement reads this week's notes:

- 1) Conservation: Game Farm (South Road) Southeast Land Trust letter for the Game Farm. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frizzell to sign the LOA for Game Farm. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries. Frizzell wishes to acknowledge Bob Stephens for all his hard work, going line by line.
- 2) SA Engineering: Open Bids – Mill Road Bridge. Stephens advised that there have not been any bids for this project yet. He believes this is because this is a small project with complicated construction. Stephens advised we should reevaluate schedule and give them until the end of the construction season. Pay now vs pay later. Stephens advised that there are survey issues to be reviewed in advance and to move the survey away from construction company to before the bid.

Clement spoke to the RSA: 91A from NHMA and advised that there should be a brief summary of what was discussed, person taking minutes, Chair, Board members, date of meeting. Minutes should be fair and objective. Capture a summary of the people participating (not necessarily all members of the public present).

- 3) Mantegari read out the Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week which is May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> and recognizes our Town Clerk, Daphne Woss, The Deputy Town Clerk, Joyce Keegal and the Assistant Town Clerk, Kristin Patch. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to sign the Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – abstain, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.
- 4) Highway Safety Grant for directed patrols. Chief Wicks explained that this is to help speed enforcement, drunk driving and will give us extra support in our town. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan to sign the Highway Safety Grant. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Chief Wicks was present to discuss the complaints of noise from a rooster farm on Lake Road. He explained that between November – December 2020 there were 9 sound violations and 5 violations between March – April 2021. Kimberly Meyer of 83 Lake Road spoke to this, explaining that the roosters are being bred as fighting cocks being kept in 3x3 cages and that they are noisy 24 hours a day. Chief Wicks recommends sending a noise warning to the owners of the rooster farm. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frizzell to send the owners of the rooster farm a noise warning letter. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Chief Wicks spoke to an issue on the intersection of Middle Road and Pickpocket where there is a utility pole in the middle. Chief explained that a “keep right” sign that the Police Department already has would be advantageous. Chief mentioned there had not been any accidents on this intersection to date. Richard Gagnon, 5 Wilson Way, said that he speaks for the residents of Wilson Way that they are concerned about this intersection and that a “keep right” sign would give a better viewpoint. Christiansen said he would like to talk to the Highway Superintendent (Wayne Robinson) first.

Christiansen explained that he invited Robin Wrighton (Editor of the Brentwood Newsletter) to attend and speak today and that she sent a letter to say she will not be attending. Lois DeYoung, 105 Crawley Falls Road, and a volunteer member of the Brentwood Newsletter explained that Wrighton's absence was because she was concerned for her personal safety. DeYoung asked to read Wrighton's letter to the BOS. Artimovich asked Chief

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Wicks if there were any alleged threats and Chief Wicks said that he had spoken to Wrighton 3 or 4 weeks ago over her concerns. Mantegari read Wrighton's letters aloud dated 5/4/21 and 3/20/21.

Christiansen said we have everything on record and now it is time to act, asking for the BOS opinions. Morgan said that he had spent a lot of time reflecting on the words from the people of Brentwood from the 4/20 meeting. Morgan explained that his idea would be to consider using the remaining funds be put into a Town sponsored Newsletter, having similar content to our 19 neighboring towns, including updates, recycling dates, girl scouts, etc. No opinions or editorials. Give the right of first refusal to the current editor and if she is not willing or able then we would start a committee with 5 residents who would be appointed by the BOS, with the first edition dated July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

Frizzell explained that although he was not upset over the article, he hopes Mr. Gagnon realizes the mess we are in right now. Frizzell said he believes Wrighton will put in an op-ed in the next edition of the BNL. He believes in the freedom of press.

Artimovich said the town should know what it gets for the money – it is no different than paying for any other service.

Mantegari explained that the BNL started over 40 years ago, and in the 1980's there were 3 approved warrant articles that passed and then the expense was put into the budget. Mantegari went on to say that he firmly feels it was approved and ratified at town meeting in March, that we should fund the BNL with the money left for 2021 and honor the voices that were voiced at 4/20 meeting. Mantegari said the BNL was discussed during budget season and he recommends making it a warrant article next year. Morgan asked if we had any other service without an agreement and Rebecca Dunham, 9 Block Drive said Regional Associations. Morgan asked where the contract for the BNL is and Mantegari explained that a lot of providers we have do not have a contract. The BNL come to us with a service and the budget approved \$10,200, and the town meeting approved this.

Christiansen said he spoke to the editor last week who explained that the BNL is written by residents of Brentwood, not by the editor herself. Christiansen said he would like to fund it, go forward with it, and talk about a getting a contract in place. Christiansen apologized for using the word "terminated" at a previous meeting. Christiansen read out the numbers from all correspondence regarding the BNL from residents and explained that the vast majority want to keep the BNL and implement standards, contract and oversight. He then asked for a motion.

Mantegari made a motion to release the funding and put as a warrant article with a contract in place for next year. Morgan asked to amend the motion to advance and have a contract in place immediately with no more opinions or editorials for the rest of the year, then put back as a warrant article for 2022. Frizzell said he wants to see an op-ed to the opinion piece and trusts Wrighton will have an op-ed in the next issue of the BNL. Morgan said this was a basic oversight to which Artimovich said there will be no BNL until July if we decide to do a contract as we have to have Counsel look it over.

Frizzell agrees to put it as a warrant article and makes a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to pay the rest of the money voted on and approved to the BNL. Morgan expressed his huge disappointment. Morgan – no, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – no, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Christiansen called the meeting to recess at 7:24pm and resumed at 7:33pm.

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Robinson was in attendance to ask for funds to cut down 3 trees. 2 on Scrabble Road and 1 on Crawley Falls Road. The quote for the 2 trees on Scrabble came to \$1800. Robinson has since spoken to the vendor, Bolduc Tree Service, who have agreed to do the work by hour with the help of the Highway Shed employees. Total for all 3 trees is now \$2400. Robinson stated Bolduc will pass along insurance papers once approved. Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan to approve the quote for the tree cutting service to Bolduc for \$2400. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries. Robinson said there will be trucks in the road for both of the locations and Chief Wicks said if Robinson needed Police Assistance, he would arrange it.

Robinson discussed the signs on the Pickpocket and Middle Road intersection previously discussed and said that if we put signs up there we will be liable if an accident occurred. Christiansen said he will get together with Chief Wicks and Robinson and get legal involved. He said to pursue Eversource who owns the pole in question.

Documents to sign:

- 1) Abatement for Rockingham County. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to sign the Abatement. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.
- 2) Cease and desist for 324 Rte. 125. This is recommended by the Planning Board due to ongoing wetlands issues. Morgan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to sign the cease and desist for 324 Rte. 125. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.
- 3) Cease and desist for 405 Rte. 125 – This is recommended by the Planning Board due to a lack of site plan approval and an expansion of use. Morgan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to sign the cease and desist for 405 Rte. 125. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.
- 4) Employee Handbook. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan to sign the Employee Handbook. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.
- 5) Police Department SOP posted in the mail for the BOS to read. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frizzell to adopt and sign the PD SOP. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Artimovich explained the Governor mask mandate was lifted and asked if we wanted masks to be continued to be required on town owned land. Clement said that she polled town employees privately and everyone said they would like it to be required until July 4<sup>th</sup> as that is when all town employees that are choosing to be vaccinated will be fully vaccinated. Morgan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to have masks be required on town owned land until July 4<sup>th</sup>. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Clement said that Lynn Austin resigned as a Library Trustee. It is proposed that Melody Santos be appointed to fill Austin's seat as a full trustee member and Susan Lunn be appointed as an alternate trustee until March 2022. Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich for the new library trustees for 1 year. Clement advised the appointment slips would be signed at the next meeting. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Frizzell made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari for the new members of the Conservation Committee for 3 years – Jessica Balukas, Robin Wrighton and Brian Silva. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

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Christiansen said there was a comment posted somewhere that the BOS do not read correspondence addressed to all. All BOS members denied this allegation and Christiansen apologized to the person who made the allegation. Artimovich stated that there may have been confusion that correspondence would not be responded to by individual members. It is forwarded to Clement to disperse to all members or to the public.

DeYoung, 105 Crawley Falls Road, asked when Wrighton can pick up the check for the BNL and Christiansen confirmed after the next BOS meeting.

Rebecca Dunham, 9 Block Drive, mentioned that the Historical Society needed to apply for a well and septic tank, however they need help – from the office? Mark Kennedy (Planning Board) asked Dunham to attend the next Planning Board meeting to start the process.

Artimovich confirmed there were no hands raised on Zoom for discussion and no further public comment.

At 7:58pm a motion was made by Christiansen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Morgan to adjourn. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye and Christiansen – aye. The motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Parkhurst

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WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT

DATE: 5/4/2021  
General Fund: TD BANK  
Previous Balance: 2,915,524.77  
Deposits: 64,140.94  
Payroll: 38,800.64  
  
FICA: 10344.75  
to Impact Fees  
A/P: Regular 876,556.61 Swasey 198,500.00 CO-OP 607,635.00  
Non-A/P  
void checks  
From MMA  
  
TO MMA  
Account Balance: 2,053,963.71  
  
Interest Earned YTD: 4.49  
  
MMA: Unrestricted Balance: 0  
Total Invested Funds: 0  
Interest Earned YTD: 1253.26

Joyce A. Gallant, Treasurer  
Jonathan Ellis, Deputy Treasurer