

Board of Selectmen
Minutes March 1, 2022

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Ken Christiansen
Robert Mantegari
Andrew Artimovich
Jon Morgan

Christiansen called the meeting to order.

Chief Sawyer was present to speak about the swearing in of the new Police Chief.

Mantegari motioned the signing of the appointment slip for John Ventura. Morgan 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Daphne Woss, Town Clerk, was present to swear in the new Police Chief, John Ventura. Dierdre Ventura, Ventura's wife, was present to pin him.

Chief Ventura spoke to those in attendance about his new role and then welcomed all the Brentwood officers in attendance to join him in the front of the room.

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

Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich, to approve the public minutes of 2/21/2022 as written. All were in favor.

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

- Sally Duplessis & James Lufkin, 473 Middle Road, Minor Projects – upgrading windows and siding: signed by Board
- David & Christen Doucet, 4 Prescott Road, Electrical – removing existing mini split and replacing with new unit: signed by the Board
- 3 Ponds LLC, 31 Three Ponds Drive, Plumbing – new dwelling: signed by the Board
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- Johnson Family Revocable Trust, 30 Robinson Street, Plan Examination – master bath remodel: signed by the Board
- Jirah Realty, 127 Pine Road, Plan Examination – addition to existing building: signed by Board
- Andrew & Sarah Herrick, 37 Spruce Ridge Drive, Electrical: signed by Board
- Monohon Revocable Trust, 36 Three Ponds Drive, Minor Project – screened porch: signed by Board
- H & R Realty Trust, 1 Tuck Drive, Plan Examination – expansion of current deck: signed by Board
- Christopher & Kristen Chiumiento, 55 Spruce Ridge Drive, Electrical – 2nd floor addition: signed by Board

Richard “Dick” Chamberlain, Town Moderator, was present to discuss the upcoming election and the associated warrant articles. He asked if there were any anticipated issues on the warrants. Chamberlain had two questions about the warrant articles. His first question was regarding the 3 million dollars for conservation. Christiansen explained that Bob Stephens would be speaking on that warrant article. Chamberlain asked if the board had anticipated being able to complete all discussion on the warrant articles within the allocated time of 9am – 1pm. Christiansen responded that he had only one phone call regarding the bond article, and it was simply for clarification purposes. Mantegari answered that the inquiries he has had are in support of the conservation article after he was able to explain the process of how a bond works. Artimovich responded that he has not had inquiries but would expect the same amount of discussion as South Road, Prescott Road, and other conservation easements.

Chamberlain went on to explain that he had a question about warrant article 13. He wanted clarification about the purpose of the warrant article. He felt it appears like the article is looking for a straw vote. Mantegari responded it is an advisory warrant. Christiansen stated they are “taking a pulse” and that article may generate some discussion.

Christiansen read the treasure's report for this week. Please see the end of the minutes.

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Christiansen assigned board members to speak on the warrant articles at Town Meeting.

Carol Belliveau, Mill Road, asked if the fire chief would be present at Town Meeting. Christiansen responded that he would be.

Bill Faria, South Road, asked if this was the last year for the Solar Array contract. Christiansen responded that there was one more year.

Christiansen stated the Waste Management price increase was voted down by the district. Mantegari asked what that means. Christiansen explained the town will see at least a 5% increase on July 1st as stated by their contract.

Christiansen offered a reminder that all members of the board are needed at the BRC on Sunday, March 6th at 1pm for election set-up.

Christiansen asked the board if there is a need for a meeting on March 8th. Artimovich asked Karen Clement if there is currently anything pending. Clement responded there is nothing yet. Christiansen stated that if there is no need for a meeting, there will not be. If anything comes up, the meeting will be held at 2pm.

Morgan asked if there has been any discussion about poll watchers. Christiansen responded that normally with general elections and primaries there are poll watchers in attendance. Morgan asked if there is a process of becoming a poll watcher for this election because he had a question from a constituent today. Mantegari instructed him to have them reach out to Daphne Woss, Town Clerk. Christiansen explained that there are rules for poll watchers – sitting in certain areas, not interacting with those coming to the polls or the staff. Chamberlain stated they would need something in writing from their party.

Morgan asked about the Newsletter. He stated the February issue did not come out, but the town was invoiced and paid that invoice. He asked for clarification about the March issue. Since the newsletter was approved through March, he wanted to know if the town received an invoice for March. Clement stated that an invoice had not been received and at last check, the February check had not been cashed.

Clement stated she had provided copies of the updated Covid policy to board members. She recapped the changes to the policy. The updates are: anyone experiencing symptoms would need to isolate while awaiting testing; accept PCR, home test or rapid test for a negative person to return back to work; if positive, the employee must isolate for 5 days and then may return to work if they are feeling better and wear a mask for days 6-10; employees who get exposed should get tested between days 3-5, but will need to wear a mask for the full 10 days; unvaccinated or not up-to-date employees will not be required to quarantine unless the exposure is in their household. Mantegari motioned to accept these changes. Artimovich 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Liz Faria, South Road, asked a question regarding the newsletter warrant article. She asked if the amount listed in warrant article is only reflective of the current editor. Christiansen responded the amount of the warrant article is correct and it is the town's intent to continue with the same editor.

Kim Leo, Lebreux Street, asked if a contract was sent to the Newsletter. Christiansen responded that a contract was sent, receipt was acknowledged, and it was planned to be reviewed by their attorney. It has not been returned at this point.

At 6:35pm, Christiansen stated the board would be going into non-meeting for consultation with counsel. A motion was made by Mantegari to go into nonmeeting. The motion was 2nd by Artimovich. All were in favor.

At 7:22pm, Mantegari made a motion to resume public meeting. The motion was 2nd by Morgan. All were in favor.

Mantegari motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Artimovich 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamera Peek

