

Board of Selectmen
Minutes November 2, 2021

Convened at 6:00 pm

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

Christiansen called the meeting to order.

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

Joyce Gallant 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 10/26/2021 as written. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye, Christiansen - Aye. The motion carries.

Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Frizzell to approve the non-public minutes of 10/26/2021 as written. Morgan – aye, Frizzell – aye, Artimovich – aye, Mantegari – aye, Christiansen - Aye. The motion carries.

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

- T&M Wanyo Family Trust, 20 Three Ponds Drive, build 12' x 14' deck: signed by Board.
- Andrew Giaquinta, 75 Dudley Road, replace roof: signed by Board.
- Venkata Satyasai, 26 Spruce Ridge Drive, install inground pool and spa: signed by Board.
- Allan Hall, 2 Wendell Drive, install 11.88kw rooftop solar system: signed by Board.
- Ryan Ducharme, 41 Eleanor's Way, wire pool: signed by Board.
- KG Realty Holding LLC, 113 Crawley Falls Road, 326 Rt 125, rough and finish plumbing for new home: signed by Board.
- Route 125, LLC, 326 Rt 125, electrical in new office/shop: signed by Board.
- Julie Hale, 91 Crawley Falls Road, install concrete pad to support generator: signed by Board.
- Michael Como, 27 Michael Bennett Road, replaced roof: signed by Board.
- Dunham Joint Rev. Trust, 9 Block Drive, relocate bathroom switches & light fixtures, add ceiling exhaust fan and duplex receptacle: signed by Board.

Notes:

- 1) A2 is out of service.
 - a. Chief Bird believes there is a transmission issue and doesn't have an ETA of when it will be returned to service.
- 2) SSGT Trooper Sherrill's service is tomorrow at 11am at SNHU Arena in Manchester. Officers need to be there for 8am to line up. The Sherriff's department will cover Brentwood to allow our officers to attend.
 - a. Mantegari asked if Sawyer is attending, and Clement said he is part of the procession on Rt 125. Clement said she believes Officers Spitalere, Worcester and Gagnon are attending the service.

Documents to sign:

- 1) Eversource abatement: settlement payment # 5.
 - a. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to sign the Eversource abatement. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 2) Doucette Abatement: 301 South Road.

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- a. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich to sign the Doucette abatement. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 3) Request from an on-call Firefighter to take a 90-day leave of absence.
 - a. Artimovich made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve the 90-day leave of absence. All in favor. The motion carries.

Budgets:

- 1) Planning Board.
 - a. Andrea Bickum, Planning Administrative Assistant, was in attendance to discuss the Planning Board budget. Bickum stated that the Circuit Rider line is level funded and therefore stays the same. Bickum said that the long-term planning line was originally \$7,000 and that she had talked to Tim Roach with RPC to update master plan chapters, and \$7,000 would get 1-2 chapters. Roach said they have \$3,500-\$4,000 in transportation funding that they could offset it and to reduce our budget to \$5,000 and they will pay the difference and get 1-2 chapters that way. Bickum said that this budget contains a new account line for the Economic Development plan creation of \$3,500 with input for the master plan chapter to be created. Morgan said that this is the estimated amount of time to put one of the chapters together with RPC's hourly rate being approximately \$73.00. Mantegari asked if we have impact fees for the planning board and Clement said we have them for town office. Mantegari asked if we could use impact fees and Artimovich said this is not based on growth, it is based on trying to make more growth. Morgan said that with the committee and Darren Winham we can put a chapter together that could be incorporated into Brentwood's master plan, however, this has not been done before. Christiansen said the nuances are important and appropriate. Artimovich asked Bickum how much is left in the 2021 budget and Bickum said YTD is about \$25,000. Artimovich asked if there is \$3,500 we can encumber to start the process this year and Clement said there could be if the town is willing to absorb the cost of the impact fee assessment. Artimovich made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve the planning board budget of \$108,682 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 2) Zoning Board.
 - a. Bickum said the wages line for ZBA is absorbed into the planning board line and wants to leave the line open with \$1 and add a new account line for legal services. Artimovich asked what ZBA has spent in legal so far and Bickum said a couple of hundred dollars. Bickum said the YTD planning board legal account line is \$1992.80. Artimovich asked Bickum to get him the numbers for the budget committee for the last couple of years. Mantegari said a 4-year average. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Frizzell to approve the zoning board budget of \$1401 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 3) Town Administrator.
 - a. Clement said this includes the wage adjustment with the only changes being salaries, taxes, and NH Retirement. Frizzell made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve the Town Administrator budget of \$111,273 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 4) Finance.
 - a. Clement said the 110 line is the Treasurer and the 115 line is the Administrative Assistant, dropping 1 position and bringing Parkhurst up to full-time. Clement said the Deputy Treasurer does not require a salary. Frizzell made a motion, 2nd by Mantegari to approve the Finance budget of \$84,016 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.
- 5) Budget Committee.
 - a. Mantegari said this is level funded. Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Frizzell to approve the budget committee budget for \$500 for 2022. All in favor. The motion carries.

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Mantegari asked if the budget committee was ok with the Brentwood Newsletter change and Artimovich said they are meeting tomorrow night when they will discuss all budgets approved by the BOS. Christiansen said he will be in attendance and Frizzell said he has a Conservation Committee meeting at the same time, so will not be able to attend.

Artimovich has a BOS comment regarding a picture that was taken from the BOS table at the last meeting and said politics do not belong at this table. Mantegari said he was joking with a few people and took a picture of the scarecrow that was in the audience chairs to which he named him Henry and that the meeting was a public one, that it was intended to be humorous, and the meeting was being recorded at all times. Morgan said he seconds what Artimovich says, that the picture was publicized in a very public forum and that this is harassment and threatening to an elected official on another board and the constituents that they are supposed to represent. Morgan said it goes against everything that is written in the code of conduct that all BOS signed and feels it is disappointing that we cannot admit when we screwed up. Mantegari said he was not attacking anybody, did not write the article and does not know the author.

Mantegari said there was a duly elected official that was quoted and posted on social media saying "Get vaccinated you filthy animals and wear a damn mask" and they were the ones called out for not wearing a mask. Morgan said we should be calling it out for what it is, and we are acting in a cowardly manner, that he wants the town to move in a more professional direction and this needs to be called out as unacceptable. Christiansen said he sees the validity in what Mantegari is saying and he understands what Artimovich and Morgan are saying.

Letty Bedard, 198 Middle Road said Mantegari is talking about her. Christiansen asked if she was the author of this article and Bedard said she is the subject of the article.

Mantegari reads the "masks" article and said someone had zoomed in the picture which shows the elected official not wearing a mask. Christiansen asked Bedard if she was the author of the social media post and Bedard said yes. Bedard referred to the "Home Alone" movie when she posted "You filthy animals" and said she was referring to her kids because children are generally disgusting and she wishes they could be vaccinated so that they didn't have to wear masks anymore. Mantegari said he doesn't think children are disgusting and Bedard said that kids are gross and dirty. Morgan said his 3-year-old is disgusting. Bedard then read her statement of events to the BOS, which included that "the picture was taken at the last BOS meeting and publicized in an apparent attempt to discredit and/or harass me as a member of the Brentwood School Board."

Liz McConnell, 52 Stevens Drive asked that Mantegari write to Granite Grock and tell them this was not his intention and was misconstrued. Mantegari said they were being hypocritical and upset for being in a public picture and not acting in a manner they professed on their public page and if they lived by their convictions and acted the way they demand others to act this would not have been an issue. Mc Connell said they were not being hypocritical and read that the Granite Grock is a feared extremist right -wing publication.

Morgan made a motion for the BOS, in all totality, supports the other duly elected Boards and to stay out of this kind of craziness, that we do not support or condone this type of behavior. Christiansen asked for a 2nd. Morgan's motion died for lack of a second.

Bill Faria, 209 South Road said he was curious if the BOS had selected a panel for the new Chief of Police yet. Christiansen said that it was not public knowledge and still in the formation stages, that the names were not given to them yet. Mantegari said it is a 30-day posting that was posted last Thursday and after 30 days they will look through applications.

Mantegari stating that he wishes to include how disappointed in Artimovich he is and how embarrassed for Bedard, McConnell and Turer he is, and it was a childish and juvenile attack that was made for a picture that people got upset about their own behavior and hypocrisy and thinks it was embarrassing for them.

At 6:45pm Mantegari made a motion, 2nd by Artimovich adjourn. All in favor.

