

Bakersfield Town Regular Select Board Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Lance Lawyer.

Members in attendance: Lance Lawyer (chair), Sam Cribb, Josh Goss, Gary Denton

Members absent: David Houston

Public residents present: Sam and Gloria Geddes, William Newitt, Darlene Marrier, Abbey Miller, Tami Brennan, Kathy Westcom

Motion made to accept the previous meeting minutes by Josh Goss, seconded by Gary Denton, vote to accept 4-0

Warrants signed: Bridge warrant #02-2019

Selectman's order #25-2019

Road Commission order #22&23-2019

VT State Police Sargeant Mike Aamodt-Discussed speed limit enforcement in response to resident complaints. Expressed a desire for a stronger police presence on Rt 108 and Rt 36, especially before school and directly afterward. Discussed paying for a contract with law authorities to have consistent police presence enforcing speed limits. Decided to begin with researching for coverage for 20 hours/month. Officer Aamodt agreed to research the cost and inquire about willingness officers, and that he would come back with the research results next month. Select board also mentioned issues with four-wheelers. Discussed our involvement of speed study of Rt 108. Geddes-Lease agreement-

Summarized contents of lease agreement contract to the Geddes. Hazen will be the last person to be able to rent the trailer. Lance will bring the contract over to the Geddes house to sign. Discussed the barn and Geddes stated that it was not safe to enter and contained nothing of value that they wanted. Agreed that it needed to come down, that it had no power connected to it, could easily be pushed down and then possibly be burned under the fire dept's supervision. Also discussed the contents of the old sugar house. Gedde's agreed that select board could remove any of the contents and give them away.

Dalene Marrier-Zoning-Flanagan Access Permit-Select board agreed to sell Flanagan a new culvert at our cost if Flannagan would hire a contractor to install it, but when delivery was attempted, Flannagan directed to have it delivered for installation on a separate property around 75 feet down the road from the pre-existing site so the culvert was returned to town property. Therefore, Lance declared all previous agreements with Flannery null and void. The permit fee had been waived for the culvert installation on pre-existing site but now resident needs to reapply for permit at her own expense. Darlene to handle this case since it's a zoning issue. Current permit being denied because of multiple requests on a single permit application.

Discussed issue of seasonal camps being used as year-round dwellings including the camp on William Road, present resident is Moore, living there with three children attending school. Neighbors are complaining of smelling septic and garbage kept in the bed of a pick-up truck attracting bears. Darlene

instructed to start the process by sending a letter of violation of camp zoning laws as well as issuing fines to all offenders currently living fulltime on properties designated as camps. Discussed a camp currently owned by Amy Lignor, a resident of New Mexico, would like to gift the camp to the town. Darlene also notified the Zoning board was in need of a third zoning board member. They currently are running without a full board. Abbey Miller- Finance- expressed a concern about the outdated treasury software. The program has been randomly closing and Abbey is afraid of a crash. She presented two options for an update.

- 1) A software program call 'Nemric'. Abbey hasn't researched what the start up costs would be but that Fairfield, who are currently using the program, pays 1500.00/year and an additional 700.00/year for off-site back-up storage. Abbey will do further research on this option.
- 2) Quickbooks- Cost 300.00 to purchase and about 400.00-600.00 to add payroll to it. Concern was expressed for the reputation of problems with the Quickbooks program. Josh asked Abbey to research both options.

Abbey spoke of a lack of adequate budget for maintenance and repair of town equipment, suggested that this expense have it's own provisional budget. Also expressed the difficulty in having the budgets passed in March, but not receive any of the funds until taxes are collected in October. Discussed having taxes collected twice a year or even quarterly.

Barn in ROW-Old barn encroaching on town right of way owned by Rosalie Williams. Rosalie previously agreed that if the town took it down, she would be responsible for removal. The motion was made by Lance to declare the ROW barn a Safety Hazard to a town road. Sam Cribb seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote 4-0. Darlene said that she would contact Rosalie and have Rosalie contact Lance, who would write up a contract stating that the town would knock down the ROW barn and it would be Rosalie's responsibility to have the debris removed within 60 days of demolition, and then take it to Rosalie to sign. Lance instructed Mac Newitt to rent an excavator to take down the ROW barn and the Geddes barn on the same day.

Public Disclosure discussion-Lance discussed the importance of refraining from public discussion of Select Board topics. Reminded the members of the public's free access to the meeting minutes if interested.

Work on Personnel Policy-ongoing- Lance made a motion to address this topic at the next meeting on Oct. 28, 2019. Sam Cribb seconded the motion and motion was passed with a vote of 4-0.

Other-Discussed preparation for the Hearing at the Myer's property on Brown's Pond Road, tomorrow evening at 5:00.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sam Cribb at 9:30pm, was seconded by Gary Denton and approved by vote, 4-0. Next meeting for the Bakersfield Select Board is set for October 28, 2019 at 7:00.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Tami Brennan and remain unofficial until approved at next Select Board meeting.

