

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS
MEETING MINUTES**

Beginning @ 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, JULY 20, 2021

American Legion Post 92 - 67 Railroad Ave. Brownville Jct.

PUBLIC HEARING: North and Souths liquor license application.

Public hearing opened at 6:00pm. There were no comments or discussion. Public hearing closed at 6:03pm

- Item 1. Open Meeting: Chairman of the Board opens meeting following public hearing
- a. Selectpersons Present: Byron Weymouth, Jim Hartin, Shelly Ekholm, Kevin Emery
 - b. Employees Present: Kathy White, Kevin Black, Crystal Cail.
 - c. Others Present: John Shea-PCEDC, Brian Lippold- Casco Bay Assoc. Patrick Adams-DOT Shawn Mitchell
- Item 2. Approval of prior meeting minutes: tabled for next meeting.
- Item 3. Review of the Treasurer's Warrants:
- a. Payroll Warrants signed:
 - b. Accounts Payable Warrants signed:
 - c. Water / Sewer Warrants signed:
- Item 4. Liquor License application – North and Souths Restaurant- Shelly Ekholm made the motion to approve the liquor license. 2nd Kevin Emery. All in favor.
- Item 5. 2021 Tax Commitment- Assessor was not able to finish commitment due to illness. Special meeting will be held July 28, 2021.
- Item 6. Department Head Reports: Supplemental tax bills- Leon Rice- Shelly Ekholm made the motion to approve supplemental bill for \$1209.60. 2nd Kevin Emery. All in favor. Garrett Lockhart-motion made by Shelly Ekholm to approve supplemental bill for \$500.00. 2nd Jim Hartin. All in favor. Hwy crew is working on ditching and roadside maintenance. The loader seems to be running okay. Kevin is still waiting on quotes for the sanitation truck repair. Kevin will contact Dirigo Engineering to look at the underpass sidewalk and give an opinion on how to repair. Fire dept. estimate for 4 sets of turnout gear, 4 pagers and 3 scba masks is around \$14,000. Fire Dept/ aux supper and auction will be Aug.7, 2021. EMS-first responders are needed in the area to provide gaps in coverage when the ambulance is not readily available. Kevin Black and Shawn Mitchell met with Maine EMS to talk about establishing this. They have 6-8 people interested. Motion made by Kevin Emery to hold a special Town meeting on August 8, 2021 to vote on establishing a first responder program and start a water dept. capital reserve account. 2nd Shelly Ekholm. All in favor. Motion made by Shelly Ekholm to hold Brownville Days next summer (2022) and have Crystal Cail form a committee. 2nd Kevin Emery. All in favor. Motion made by Shelly Ekholm to accept donations made by Northern Clearing, Kiwanis, and Milo Fire Dept.
- Item 7. Concealed weapons permits: none

Item 8. Open session: Broadband discussion – John Shea from PCEDC spoke about the broadband study that is being done for Piscataquis County to determine the areas in need. He is asking all Towns to split the \$10,000 cost associated with the study. Brownville's portion will be \$765.00. Kevin Emery made the motion to pay. 2nd Jim Hartin. All in favor.

DOT planner Patrick Adams spoke about grants available to help with sidewalks repairs. Shelly Ekholm made the motion to appeal to DOT for emergency funding to correct a safety issue of a failing sidewalk under the railroad bridge. 2nd Kevin Emery. All in favor

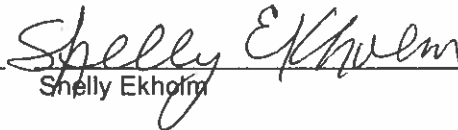
Quit claim deed was approved for William Shackley-68 Railroad Ave. for an old lien release. Motion made by Kevin Emery. 2nd Shelly Ekholm. All in favor.

Item 9. Next Meeting: July 28, 2021 at the Town Office.

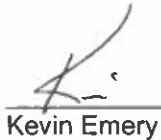
Item 10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm by Shelly Ekholm. 2nd Kevin Emery. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by; Kathy K. White-Town Manager/Town Clerk


Byron Weymouth


Shelly Ekholm


James Hartin


Kevin Emery