

Brookfield Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 5:30 PM April 19, 2023
Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT
Unapproved Minutes

The following members attended: Michael Rutkovsky, Stuart Edson, Mike Stoddard, Dan Mason and Lew Stowell. Scott Clouatre was a guest, Sarah Isham and Charlie Ballou were members of the public.

- A. 5:30: Call to Order.
- B. Review, and revise or approve the January 18, 2023 meeting minutes. Approved. 5-0-0
- C. Questions or issues brought by members of the public. Sarah Isham and Charlie Ballou asked that we distribute some horse safety posters and to continue the conversation on how to protect horse riders and drivers and vehicle occupants from each other.
- D. Guest: Randolph Police Chief Scott Clouatre came to continue the lines of communication with Brookfield. He described the progress of re-establishing a police department almost from scratch. Because Brookfield is his home, he will try to respond if needed in a serious emergency. He stated that if the proposed budget passes, he was hopeful that there might be an opportunity to plan some type of regional force for Randolph, Braintree and Brookfield in FY 25 or 26 if OCSD was not able to provide coverage.
- E. Review and Discussion of OCSD activities including patrol hours, bills and reports. OCSD provided 6 hours of patrolling in February but no bill has been received for March ye.t. L. Stowell is to inquire of Sheriff Contois about his willingness and ability to renew the contract for FY 24 and what the hourly rate would be.
- F. FY 2023 Nonprofit Security Grant Program L. Stowell will check with HSU for future grants.
- G. Radar Speed Feedback Signs and Grants Motion made and seconded to not pursue grants at this time to but for L Stowell to check with Sheriff Contois about deployment of the OCSD Speed Cart in 2023. Approved 5-0-0.
- H. Discussion of March Town Meeting Results- Brief discussion but no action taken.
- I. E-911 House Number Signs Project Status. M. Rutkovsky to make a list of persons who have purchased but not picked up their signs and contact them again. D. Mason will search for a new source of signs.
- J. Long Term Power Outage- Discussion but will take up again at the May meeting.
- K. Public Safety in 2023- Discussion but will take up again at the May meeting.
- L. Vehicle, Pedestrian, Horse and Bicycle Safety- S. Isham encouraged the committee to view the Vermont Horse Council website (<https://www.vthorsecouncil.org/>) and asked about cautions signs that the town could post on roads where horses are commonly ridden or driven. She also mentioned that the Holman Road sign needed repair. S. Edson to check with K. Sprague about the FY 23 sign budget, horse related caution signs and the Holman Rd sign.
- M. Town Website Improvement Status. Continued.
- N. May Public Safety Message. Approved 5-0-0. L. Stowell to contact WCVR about possible PSA for future safety tips. The June Safety Tips will include horse safety as well as other items.
- O. Acknowledging the time and date of the next meeting.5:30 PM, May 17, 2023
- P. Inviting one or more guest(s) to the next meeting. Orange County Sherriff George Contois and Brookfield Emergency Manager Rich Doolan will be invited to attend as guests.
- Q. Final Public Comment. S. Isham thanked the committee for their continued work for horse safety in Brookfield.
- R. Entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. Approved 5-0-0 at 7:21 PM