

Brookfield Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 5:30 PM JUNE 21, 2023
Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT
Unapproved Minutes

The following members attended: Michael Rutkovsky, Dan Mason, Stuart Edson, Mike Stoddard and Lew Stowell. Orange County Sheriff George Contois and Richard Doolan, Brookfield Emergency Management Director (EMD) attended as guests.

- A. 5:30: Call to Order.
- B. Review, and revise or approve the May 17, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion to approve made by S. Edson and seconded by M. Rutkovsky. Approved 5-0-0
- C. Questions or issues brought by members of the public. No members of the public attended.
- D. Guest: Orange County Sheriff George Contois -FY 2024 Police Services Contract and introductory communications. Sheriff Contois recounted some of the challenges he has been facing and that he was slowly rebuilding the department. He has had two experienced officers requesting to join in the last two weeks. He was willing to sign the new Law Enforcement Services contract that the Select Board had already approved. S. Edson will check with the Administrative Assistant to confirm that the contract is on its way to Sheriff Contois.
- E. Review and Discussion of OCSD activities including patrol hours, bills and reports. Sheriff Contois will get the speed cart data to L. Stowell and will have his patrolling deputies provide the road names of where they patrol on the reports provided to the committee.
- F. Speed Cart Deployments- Sheriff Contois will have the speed cart deployed to the Congregational Church area to monitor west bound traffic on Route 65 in the 30 MPH zone.
- G. Guest: Brookfield Emergency Management Director Rich Doolan- Shelter planning and disaster preparedness- Director Doolan explained that some obstacles to the use of the Brookfield Elementary School as a shelter in an emergency had been overcome. The generator at the school is being "vetted". The school is capable of housing up to 77 people as a warming shelter and 38 as an overnight shelter. VTC could house up to 228 as a warming shelter and 114 as an overnight shelter. The Randolph Senior Center could house up to 47 as a warming shelter only.
- H. Long Term Power Outage Discussion- It was discussed above as a need for additional planning.
- I. Special Needs List Program- L. Stowell presented two draft forms that might be used to accept and account for people with special needs needing assistance in a disaster. L. Stowell to ask the Town Clerk for input.

- J. Reflective Vest Program- Ways to solicit funds for the program were discussed. The program is designed to increase the use of reflective vests in Brookfield by persons walking, running or riding bicycles or horses on town roads.
- K. E-911 House Number Signs Project Status- The Town clerk will be asked to confirm the quantity of signs not yet distributed.
- L. Traffic Ordinance Revision- There are complaints about speeding in West Brookfield that may be resolved by revising the traffic ordinance. The Select Board will advise the committee when to proceed with the revision.
- M. Public Safety in 2023 Discussion- More proactive steps will be considered in the future. Speeding on Route 65 west of the Floating Bridge was discussed. L. Stowell to request OCSD to patrol the area.
- N. July Public Safety Message. Approved 5-0-0
- O. Acknowledging the time and date of the next meeting. 5:30 PM on July 19, 2023. D. Mason will be on vacation.
- P. Inviting one or more guest(s) to the next meeting. No guests to be invited.
- Q. Final Public Comment. No members of the public attended.
- R. Entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Mason made and M. Rutkovsky seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Approved 5-0-0 at 7:21 PM