

Town of Brookfield Selectboard Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2023
6:30 PM
Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

MINUTES

Present: John Benson, Chair; Stuart Edson, Keith Sprague, Betty Lord, Curtis Koren, members; Vicki Blanchard, Administrative Assistant, Amy Ingrassia, Treasurer.

A. Call to Order: Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

B. Adjustments to Agenda – none

C. Public Comments

1. Jennifer Johnson – Denied permit for a tiny house on wheels on 2007 Twin Pond Rd., - Ms. Johnson did not attend and since this is a Zoning issue the matter should be taken up with the Board of Adjustments.

D. Payroll and AP Warrants – June 26, 2023 – Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the June 26, 2023, Payroll and AP Warrants as presented with a total of \$63,582.08 with the largest payment being made to H.P. Fairfield in the amount of \$13,875.00 which was for a York Rake. Mr. Edson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5-0-0.

E. Highway Report

1. Ms. Lord brought up the roadside mowing that was just completed and reported that many in Town were unhappy with the way the roadsides were mowed. Mr. Sprague will review the contract Brandon Stevens mowing and discuss the Town's displeasure with how the roadsides were mowed and give them an opportunity to correct what has been done this year and to make clear what is expected for the cutting and clearing of the roadsides next summer.

2. Mr. Sprague reported that WB Rogers and the road crew have been hauling sand this week plus working on a couple culvert issues.

3. Mr. Sprague also visited Cram Hill and spoke with one of the residents to let her know that the road will be measured now that Mr. Higgins is back from vacation and will find the center of the road and the width of it also. This will be discussed again at the next Selectboard meeting.

4. There have been seven applicants that have applied for the road crew position. Interviews have begun and candidates will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Mr. Higgins had three driveway permits to review: two were approved and one was from someone who wanted to name his drive. As the driveway does not meet a public road, permission was granted.

6. The issue of speeding on Route 65 was discussed and Mr. Edson reported that he had spoken with the new Orange County Sheriff. The Sheriff stated that he would have a speed board set up on the road and would have some patrolling done of the area as well. Mrs. Lord will contact the District 6 State Highway Office and ask them to take whatever steps are necessary to reduce the speed on the road.

F. New Business – none

G. Old Business

1. TH 45 (Old Stage Road) – Mr. Edson reported that he had hoped he would have an update to report but he had not received any information to-date.

I. Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023 – Mr. Edson made a motion to accept the June 12, 2023 minutes as presented. Ms. Koren seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5-0-0

J. Other Proper Business

1. Public Assemblage Permit for July 21, 2023 – Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the Public Assemblage Permit for July 21, 2023, Ms. Lord seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5-0-0

2. Public Safety Committee Report – Mr. Edson reported that the Public Safety Committee felt that VT 65 should not be changed to 25 mph. Mr. Benson felt that Ms. Lord should contact Vtrans again and ask them to re-evaluate what they feel the speed should be on VT 65.

3. Orange County Sheriff's Department – The 2024 contract has been signed and returned to OCSD and Mr. Edson reported that the Town would be monitored by OCSD depending on coverage of the Department. They are still shorthanded.

4. Ms. Lord reported that she received an email from Marcia Purvis who has a painting of the Floating Bridge that she would like to donate to the Town of Brookfield. Ms. Lord will contact her and gladly accept the painting.

5. Mr. Benson reported that Mr. Dan Childs would like to support Mr. Bryce Batchman, as an alternative representative for the EC Fiber Governing Board. Mr. Benson made a motion to appoint Mr. Bryce Batchman as the EC Fiber alternate delegate for EC Fiber Governing Board. Mr. Sprague seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5-0-0

K. Status Report – none

L. Adjournment – Ms. Lord made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm, Ms. Koren seconded the motion and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.