

Town of Brookfield
Special Meeting on Storm Damage
July 13, 2023
6:30 PM
Town Office

Minutes

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

- A. Call to Order: Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30PM
- B. Adjustments to Agenda – none
- C. Payroll and AP Warrants – Due to the storm the July 10, 2023 the Selectboard meeting was canceled so the Board decided to approve the Payroll and AP Warrants tonight. Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Payroll and AP Warrants as presented with a total of \$33,888.79 with the largest payment being made to Brandon Stevens for roadside mowing in the amount of \$11,000.00. Mr. Edson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5-0-0. The Board then began to discuss how the mowing and how many residents in town were unhappy with the work so the Board then amended the Payroll and AP Warrants by holding the \$11,000 check until Mr. Benson had a time to call Mr. Stevens and discuss the situation. Mr. Edson made a motion to hold the check until Mr. Benson had a conversation with Mr. Stevens and Ms. Lord seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5-0-0.
- D. Storm Damage Discussion – Mr. Sprague reported that there were four roads that were badly affected which were Northfield Road, Pond Village, East Hill and Halfway Brook Road. There were others that were affected but not as bad. Halfway Brook is the only one currently that is still not open but it should be by the end of Friday. The plan on East Hill is to get that completed with the crew that has been working on it this week until it is completely back to where it should be. Another crew will do the same on Halfway Brook and Northfield Road. The State is working in the village near the bridge. Pictures have been taken before, during and will be after completion. Mr. Benson will contact FEMA Friday regarding their guidelines on culverts and whether they should be replaced the same size or up-sizing it. Mr. Edson made a motion that the crews will continue to keep working and that Mr. Benson will make a call to FEMA and then Mr. Sprague and Mr. Benson will meet to go forward next week with what information FEMA gives Mr. Benson. Ms. Lord seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5-0-0.

The Selectboard can't thank the Brookfield Road crew, Mr. Sprague for the use of his equipment as well as 6 of his workers from the farm, and other contractors for the continuous work they have done this week to get the Town roads opened up.

D. Adjournment – Mr. Sprague made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm, Ms. Koren seconded the motion and there being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.