

BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 PM Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The following members attended: Michael Rutkovsky, Stuart Edson, Mike Stoddard and Lew Stowell.

- A. 5:30: Call to Order.
- B. Review, and revise or approve the July 19, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion made by Mike Stoddard and seconded by Michael Rutkovsky to approve as written. Approved 4-0-0.
- C. Questions or issues brought by members of the public. No members of the public attended.
- D. Review and Discussion of OCSD activities including patrol hours, bills and reports. 10 hours of patrols were conducted at a cost of \$715.00 in July. Lew Stowell to request OCSD to have a chat with the occupants of the former Norman John property about parking signs and vehicles into the traveled portion of Route 65.
- E. Speed Cart Deployments- Lew Stowell to request that the speed cart be redeployed, perhaps to Route 14 near or at Clotilde Hryshko's property.
- F. Flooding Recovery in Brookfield- Discussion- It was agreed that a holistic approach was needed to properly address all the historical points of failure or increased risk to Pond Village, the Floating Bridge and Sunset Lake. It is recommended to the Select Board that Two River's Ottaquechee Regional Commission be approached about applying for a grant to fund a Hydrological study of the ponds and streams that flow into Sunset Lake and out of it to East Brookfield to determine solutions to future flooding to roads and homes. Stuart Edson to bring this up at the next Select Board Meeting.
- G. High Risk Voluntary List Program- Fire Chief Kevin Wheatly and Health Officer Starr Strong have been consulted. Additional resources will be consulted.
- H. Reflective Vest Program- Dan Mason is finding sources of reflective clothing.
- I. E-911 House Number Signs Project Status. Dan Mason is finding sources of reflective house number signs.
- J. Traffic Ordinance Revision- It is recommended to the Select Board that the current Traffic Ordinance be revised to add a Stop sign at the East end of Cram Hill Road (TH 38) where it enters the intersection of West Brookfield Road (TH 4) and Roxbury Line Road (TH 38) and once that is formally approved, a Stop sign be erected there. It is also recommended that the Select Board contact the VTRANS District Office to discover the process needed to have VTRANS install a 40-mph sign on VT RTE 65 West bound just West of the East Street intersection. This would be to eliminate the current sudden change in speed from 50 mph to 30 mph as traffic enters Pond Village. Stuart Edson to bring this up at the next Select Board Meeting. A OCSD Speed Cart has been deployed near the post office recently to assist in getting drivers to reduce their speed when approaching the intersection of RTE 65 and Ridge Road.

- K. Public Safety in 2023- Discussion There are a number of projects being pursued by the committee in 2023 to improve the safety of residents and visitors to Brookfield.
- L. September Public Safety Message. The September tips will focus on safety near school buses. Approved 4-0-0.
- M. Acknowledging the time and date of the next meeting. Wednesday September 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM.
- N. Inviting one or more guest(s) to the next meeting. Rich Doolan, Brookfield Emergency Management Director will be invited.
- O. Final Public Comment. No members of the public attended.
- P. Entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Rutkovsky made the motion to adjourn and Stuart Edson seconded the motion. Approved 4-0-0 at 6:57 PM.