

BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 5:30 PM

Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The following members attended: Dan Mason, Michael Rutkovsky, Stuart Edson, Mike Stoddard and Lew Stowell. Rich Doolen, Brookfield EMD attended as a guest.

- A. 5:30: Call to Order.
- B. Review, and revise or approve the August 16, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion made by Stuart Edson 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. 10.5 hours of patrols were conducted in August at a cost of \$577.50. 13.66% of the budget has been spent to date.
- E. Speed Cart Deployments. It is hoped that we will receive one more deployment before snow flies.
- F. Flooding Recovery in Brookfield- Discussion. Flood mitigation in the Pond Village and East Brookfield area is interconnected with multiple weak points. Stuart Edson will raise the question at the next Select Board meeting about requesting a grant to study how to best resolve the issues.
- G. High Risk Voluntary List Program. Rich Doolen will send Lew Stowell a copy of the 211-registration form to ensure continuity of information requested.
- H. Emergency Management Shelter Volunteer Program Status. Rich Doolen provided a status report that there were at least 14 likely volunteers to staff a shelter to provide support to residents of the tri-town area (Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph). A second meeting is scheduled for September 28 at 6:30 PM at the Randolph Senior Center building. 6 Hale ST Randolph VT. A practice shelter deployment is planned in the future. It was suggested to Rich Doolen that he request a \$500.00 budget for FY 25 from the Select Board. Stuart Edson offered to request it for Brookfield Emergency Management at the next Select Board meeting.
- I. Reflective Vest Program. Discussion identified two obstacles with pedestrians and bike and horse riders wearing reflective clothing: Changing human behavior and having reflective items easy to wear. Monthly safety messages will help with changing some behavior and having reflective clothing available may encourage some people to wear reflective clothing. It was noted that even on a bright summer day that pedestrians and riders in the shade can be very hard to see depending on what they are wearing. Michael Rutkovsky will approach some of his company's vendors to see what might be available.

- J. E-911 House Number Signs Project Status. Dan Mason will contact the Vermont Corrections Department in St Johnsbury to find out the type and cost of E-911 house number signs for a Fall offering.
- K. Traffic Ordinance Revision. The revised traffic ordinance was approved at the September 11 Select Board meeting. Stuart Edson will send Lew Stowell a copy and also post it on the Town Web Site.
- L. Public Safety in 2024- Discussion. Members were asked to think about what the committee should be looking at in the next calendar year.
- M. October Public Safety Message. Message approved with some changes.
- N. Acknowledging the time and date of the next meeting. The October meeting will be on Wednesday October 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the town office.
- O. Inviting one or more guest(s) to the next meeting. It was decided not to invite any guests for the October meeting.
- P. Final Public Comment. No members of the public attended.
- Q. Entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made to adjourn by Mike Stoddard and seconded by Michael Rutkovsky. The motion was approved 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.