

Town of Brookfield Selectboard Meeting

Monday, August 28, 2023

6:30 PM

Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

MINUTES

Present: John Benson, Chair; Betty Lord, Curtis Koren, Stuart Edson, members; Amy Ingrassia, Treasurer; Nicole Cyr, Melissa Flood, Keith Johnson, Jocelyn Lorrey, Helen Flannery.

- A. Call to Order – Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- B. Adjustments to Agenda – Moved Payroll and AP Warrants to beginning of meeting. Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the August 24, 2023, Payroll and AP Warrants as presented with a total of \$30,857.63 with the largest to Arrow Central in the amount of \$14,162.50 for culverts. Mr. Edson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0.

Ms. Lord made another motion to approve the July 27, 2023, Payroll and AP Warrants as presented with a total of \$103,650.06 with the largest to G Stone Motors in the amount of \$66,606.00 for the one ton truck. Mr. Edson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0.

Amy presented a tax rate of: The pilot program (which is the State Park) dropped their subsidy by \$6,000. The new tax rate will be: 1.8507

Ms. Lord made a motion to accept the Brookfield Tax rate for 2023-2024 to be 1.8507 which is the non-homestead tax rate. The total rate is 1.8531. Mr. Edson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0

- c. Public Comments
  1. Nicole Cyr – White River Valley Energy – Update – Nicole gave a brief report on projects that they felt which would be beneficial to residents. Ranked highest to lowest were: 1. Hire an Intermunicipal Regional Coordinator, 2. Showcase Weatherization and Home Systems Replacement, 3. Improve Transportation Options in the Region, 4.

- Develop Communication, Education and Awareness on Climate Issues, 5. Volunteer Coordination and Outreach, 6. Create a Regional Climate Action Plan, 7. Establish a regional Food/Farmer Network, 8. Collect, Track, and Coordinate Regional Data, and 9. Climate Campaign and Advocacy. The next meeting will be to get a budget together. If they want money they need to let the board know by December or January so it can be on the agenda for the next town meeting for approval.
2. Melissa Flood – Lamson Pond Rd – Keith Johnson and Melissa Flood live on Lamson Pond Rd which Melissa is requesting that the Town plow that road. The road is a Class 4 road and the town only plows Class 3 roads. It would have to be reclassified before anything could happen. Keith reported that the road itself really needs work on it. He recommended to put up a sign stating it was a Class 4 road and it could be impassible. The Board will have Keith Sprague go out and take a look at it to see if it can be upgraded.
- D. Payroll and AP Warrants and Tax Rate – Presented above.
  - E. Highway Report – There have been two meetings with FEMA one by phone and the other on August 28, 2023 on the reporting and recording process. The next one will be in September 11, 2023.
  - F. New Business
    1. PSAC report – Mr. Edson reported that PSAC talked about Cram Hill and they should go ahead and put a stop sign. Speed coming up Route 65 from 50 to 30 and PSAC suggested it should go from 50 and change at East Street to 40 and then 30 at the Post office. Mr. Edson wanted to know if the Board agreed with them doing that. They did so Mr. Edson will now contact the State.
    2. New assemblage - Brookfield Community submitted an Assemblage Permit for the October Fest on October 7, 2023. Mr. Benson made a motion that the Board approve the Assemblage Permit as presented, Ms. Koren seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0
  - G. Old Business - none
  - H. Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2023 – Mr. Edson made a motion to accept the August 14, 2023, minutes as presented. Ms. Koren seconded the motion which carried unanimously 3-0-0.

- i. Other Proper Business – Mr. Edson reported that Phyllis Humez has resigned as Lister and the Board asked that she submit a letter of resignation.
- J. State Report - none
- κ. Adjournment – Mr. Edson made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, Ms. Koren seconded the motion and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned