

Town of Brookfield Selectboard Meeting

Monday April 22, 2024

6:30 PM

Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

MINUTES

Present: John Benson, Selectboard Chair; Stuart Edson, Keith Sprague, Laura Rochat, members of the Selectboard. Curtis Koren did not attend the meeting. Amy Ingrassia, Assistant Treasurer and Kristi Ehler, Treasurer.

- A. Call to Order – Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
- B. Adjustments to Agenda – none
- C. Public Comments – none
- D. Payroll and AP Warrants – Mr. Sprague made a motion to approve the April 22, 2024 AP Warrants as presented for a total of \$28,343.40 with the largest payment being made to Blue Cross Blue Shield for 6,580.35. Mr. Edson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0
- E. Highway Report – 1. Mr. Sprague reported that he has been talking with Steve Reid and Skip Lise regarding the beaver covers they are looking into which are anywhere from \$3,500.00 to \$4,500.00 per unit. Due to the two storms we had in 2023 the highway budget will not be able to do anything until the next fiscal year. 2. Due to the amount of rain and snow melt we have been having there have been a number of calls from people telling us about water on their driveways. 3. The oldest truck is still having issues and the road crew has been doing the repairs to keep it on the road. 4. The shed is almost cleaned out so the new one can be built. 5. A change order of changing to a prefab wing wall has been received back from A.J. Galfetti along with a contract to do work on the Bear Hill Culvert project. Mr. Benson made a motion to accept the proposed change on the wing wall for the Bear Hill culvert. Mr. Sprague seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0 6. Mr. Benson met with the Fire Marshall who has approved the construction of the new shed. 7. A permit for the Taylor Hill project has been received and

now Mr. Benson will put a bid together. 8. Mr. Benson also mentioned getting a counter for The Stone Road to curb fast traffic.

F. New Business – none

G. Old Business – none

H. Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2024 – Mr. Edson made a motion to accept the April 9, 2024 minutes as presented. Ms. Rochat seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0

I. Other Proper Business

1. Public Safety Committee Report – Mr. Edson reported that Lt. Partin and Sgt. Soule from the Vermont State Police, and Windsor County Sheriff Ryan Palmer were guests at the PSAC meeting. The committee is looking into the possibility of making a recommendation to the Selectboard to contract with Windsor County Sheriff's Dept. for the coming year as they could probably provide better coverage than Orange County. The committee is hoping that the road crew will be able to replace missing signs that they are aware of and the committee will continue to provide information about known missing and damaged signs such as yield signs missing at the intersection of Crossover Rd. and West Street.

2. Update on Town Plan – Ms. Rochat reported she attended a Planning Commission forum and she mentioned that there is a concern from the public about permits not being followed correctly. Mike Fiorello does issue permits and if not followed correctly then he contacts the Town lawyer Mike Monte so he can follow up on the situation.

J. Status report – none

Mr. Benson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35 pm to deal with a personnel issue. Mr. Edson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0

Mr. Benson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:36 pm., Ms. Rochat seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0

K. Adjournment – Mr. Edson made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm., Ms. Rochat seconded the motion and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully,

Vicki Blanchard

Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard