

# BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 5:30 PM

Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

- A. 5:30: Call to Order. Called to order at 5:30 PM by Lew Stowell.
- B. Review, and revise or approve the June 19 2024 meeting minutes. Stuart Edson made and Mike Stoddard seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion approved 5-0-0.
- C. Questions or issues brought by members of the public. (Meeting Protocol). No members of the public attended.
- D. Review and Discussion of OCSD activities including patrol hours, bills and reports. OCSD bill for June 2024 to be paid as presented. Stuart Edson to explain at the next Select Board meeting.
- E. Review and Discussion of WCSD activities including patrol hours, bills and reports. Stuart Edson and Lew Stowell reported on phone calls from Sheriff Ryan Palmer about a continuing situation at Cram Hill Road, West Brookfield. Sheriff Palmer is looking into purchasing a speed cart. Lew Stowell will send him some data provided in previous deployments of a speed card by OCSD.
- F. Fire Works Status in Brookfield. An email was received from Skip Smith in Pond Village about fireworks in Brookfield around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. WCSD was notified by Lew Stowell. None of the committee members were familiar with Vermont law concerning fireworks. There is no Brookfield ordinance concerning fireworks. Ed Neas will research the state law.
- G. Polling Security Meeting. A virtual meeting was held at 2:00 PM July 22, 2024. It was hosted by LT Jerry Partin of the Royalton Barracks. Lew Stowell attended and presented a short report. The State Police will be staffed to react to criminal behavior at polling places should any occur. S\_209 prohibits firearms at polling places. On-duty law enforcement personnel are exempt. Ed Neas will check on what the limits are for candidates and supporters in the vicinity of the polling place.
- H. Orange County Joint Select Board Law Enforcement Committee Status. There was a low turnout at the July meeting. Lew Stowell said that the meetings had been very useful. The next meeting will be in January 2025.
- I. Emergency Management Status. There was not much damage reported in Brookfield because of the July 2024 storm.

- J. E-911 House Number Signs Project Status. Michael Rutkovsky reported that drilled holes in the signs are included in the price. The aluminum signs will be 4 Inches by 12 inches which are slightly larger than the previous ones. Lew Stowell will work with Carol Monness to publicize the availability of the signs.
- K. Traffic, Parking, No Parking and Road Name Sign Progress. Stuart Edson reported that the Town Road Crew had installed No Parking signs on the West side of Stone Road in Pond Village. He also announced that VTRANS is going to place traffic signs at the intersection of West Street and Route 65 to make that intersection safer. Members will make and submit a list of missing or damaged traffic and road name signs that they have observed on or before the August meeting.
- L. August 2024 Public Safety Message. A motion was made by Mike Stoddard and seconded by Michael Rutkovsky to approve the August 2024 Public Safety message. Approved 5-0-0.
- M. Acknowledging the time and date of the next meeting. The August meeting will be on August 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM.
- N. Inviting one or more guest(s) to the next meeting (August). The local game warden will be invited.
- O. Final Public Comment. No members of the public attended.
- P. Entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Michael Rutkovsky and seconded by Ed Neas to adjourn. Motion approved 5-0-0 at 6:46 PM.