

Town of Brookfield Selectboard Meeting

Monday November 25, 2024

6:30 pm

Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

MINUTES

**Present:** John Benson, Chair; Stuart Edson, Curtis Koren, Laura Rochat, members of the Board. Vicki Blanchard, Administrative Assistant. Keith Sprague did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Payroll and AP Warrants** – Ms. Koren made a motion to accept the November 25, 2024 AP Warrants as presented for a total of \$14,372.87 with the largest amount going to White Rive Valley Ambulance Service in the amount of \$4,368.83. The motion carried unanimously.

**Highway Report** – Mr. Sprague was not present so there was no reporting. The motion made by Mr. Benson to accept the just-completed loan agreement for the new truck in the amount of \$185,624.00 carried unanimously. Mr. Edson reported that he is working on the mapping plan for the Town.

**Energy Grant** - Mr. Benson reported that the Town has been awarded a \$175,575.60 MERP Project Implementation Energy grant applied for from the State. He is working with Mr. Jim Merriam to create the Bid Form.

**FEMA update** - Extension paperwork will have to be completed due to mitigation work that cannot be started until next spring.

**2025-2026 Budget** – This will be an ongoing discussion over the next few meetings.

**Noise Ordinance** – Ms. Rochat asked if this is should be pursued given difficulties with enforcement, and was asked to create a draft noise ordinance for Board consideration.

**Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Edson made a motion to accept the minutes from November 11, 2024 and the amended October 28, 2024 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Safety Committee update** – Mr. Edson reported that there is an ongoing problem with signs not being put up and suggested hiring out this work. He also reported that Ryan Palmer, Windsor County Sheriff, had joined the meeting and said the budgeted figure for police protection next year would be \$40,000 - \$50,000.

**Solid Waste Violation** – Ms. Blanchard will contact the Randolph Town Manager as well as the Braintree Town Clerk's office to setup a discussion about how to handle the violation for work allegedly not done in all three towns.

**Adjournment:** Ms. Koren made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Vicki Blanchard

Administrative Assistant