

Town of Brookfield Selectboard Meeting
Monday July 28, 2025
6:00 pm
Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

MINUTES

Present: John Benson, Chair; Stuart Edson, Keith Sprague, Curtis Koren, Laura Rochat, members. Vicki Blanchard, Administrative Assistant, Carol Monness, Town Clerk, Kristi Ehlers, Town Treasurer, Tom Garbitelli, Assistant Treasurer. Kirt Mayland, Visiting Professor, Institute for Energy and The Environment at Vermont Law and Graduate School.

Call to Order Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Payroll and AP Warrants from July 28, 2025 were approved as presented for a total of \$61,338,22, with the largest amount going to VLCT for insurance in the amount of \$12,214.34.

Highway Report The road crew has been grading, and installing signs totaling 100 so far. The excavator will be used next week to work on Bear Hill and culverts throughout the Town.

New Business

1. **Integrity Energy Solar Array presentation** – Mr. Kirt Mayland presented an agreement between the Energy Clinic at the Vermont Law and Graduate School Institute for Energy and the Environment and the Town of Brookfield. He will work with the Town on the paperwork necessary to access extra funds charged to the Town for the solar array.

Old Business

1. **Hearing Deliberations on Town Plan** – The Board decided to hold another public hearing before approving the Town Plan. The hearing will not take place until August 25, 2025.
2. **Boarding lost dogs** – Ms. Rochat checked with Braintree and Randolph about solutions to caring for lost dogs or cats. Braintree has built a portable kennel for temporary boarding, and Randolph has not yet come up with a plan. Ms. Rochat will contact Country Animal Hospital to set up a contract with them going forward.

Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2025 were approved as presented. Mr. Edson's motion to amend those minutes to add more information to the Hippo Park project was approved.

Other Proper Business

1. **Four Public Assemblage permits** from the Brookfield Community Partnership were approved.
2. **Letter to NEMERC** – The Board signed a letter requesting that Kasey Peterson be removed from the NEMRC account and replaced by Kristi Ehlers as the current Administrator.
3. **Hippo Park** - A slab will be created for the Hippos when the cement truck is in town work on the Town Office.

Executive Session: Mr. Benson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:04 pm, followed by another motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm. Both motions were unanimously accepted.

Adjournment. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:51 pm

Respectfully submitted
Vicki Blanchard
Administrative Assistant