

BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 5:30 PM

Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT 05036

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The following members attended, Michael Rutkovsky, Dan Mason, Ed Neas and Lew Stowell.

- A. 5:30: Call to Order. Called to order at 5:30 PM.
- B. Review, and revise or approve the, July 16, 2025 meeting minutes. Michael Rutkovsky made and Ed Neas seconded a motion to approve the July 16, 2025 meeting minutes. Approved 3-0-0.
- C. Questions or issues brought by members of the public. (Meeting Protocol). No members of the public attended.
- D. Guest: LT Jerry Partin, Commander, VSP Royalton Station- Law Enforcement Status in Brookfield and surrounding area from a VSP perspective. LT Partin provided the following Royalton Barracks statistics for Brookfield in calendar 2024: 133 calls for service, 40 traffic stops and 3 arrests. He pointed out that this included activities on Interstate 89 in Brookfield as well as in the town itself. He was concerned over the recent increase in violence in Vermont. He stated that he has three excellent patrol sergeants and 11 to 12 troopers total at present with two shifts. He has some troopers on temporary assignment to other barracks. LT Partin is retiring in four months. No word on his replacement as of yet.
- E. Review and Discussion of WCSD activities including patrol hours, bills and reports. There were 34 hours of patrols at a cost of \$2652.00 in July. No detailed report on patrols or traffic stops was received.
- F. Speeding and Other Incidents in Brookfield. Dan Mason reported that the lack of a street sign (Taylor Hill) caused a delay in an ambulance providing service. A sign was moved from the East end of Taylor Hill to the West end by the road crew to rectify the situation in the future but it was then stolen again. It was agreed that now that traffic signs are installed it may be time to focus on street/road signs.
- G. Reflective Vest Program. One vest was issued by Michael Rutkovsky.
- H. Emergency Management Update to include the VT Alert Registration Progress. No Report
- I. Wild Fire Concern. Fire Chief Conniff has stated that the burn ban will continue until there is a very significant rain fall.

E-911 House Number Signs Project Status. Michael Rutkovsky reported that the reflective house number signs either vertical or horizontal, with or without white border, green background- white text

are \$12.95 for one sided signs and \$14.95 for double sided signs. Lew Stowell will talk with Carol Monness, Town Clerk about another campaign.

- J. Traffic Control and Road Name Sign Inventory Progress. No report.
- K. Traffic, Parking, No Parking and Road Name Sign Installation Progress. No report.
- L. September 2025 Public Safety Message. Dan Mason made and Ed Neas seconded the motion to approve the September Safety Tips with publishing them before school starts in August.
Approved 4-0-0.
- M. Acknowledging the time and date of the next meeting. September 17, 2025.
- N. Inviting one or more guest(s) to the next meeting (September). Dan Mason will invite Game Warden John Truong to be our guest in September.
- O. Final Public Comment. (Meeting Protocol) No members of the public attended.
- P. Entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Neas made and Michael Rutkovsky seconded a motion to adjourn. It was approved at 6:43 PM unanimously.