

Town of Brookfield Selectboard meeting
Monday May 11, 2026
6:00 pm
Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

MINUTES

Present: John Benson, Chair; Stuart Edson, Keith Sprague, Laura Rochat, Curtis Koren, members. Vicki Blanchard, Administrative Assistant. Kristi Ehlers, Treasurer, Carol Monness, Town Clerk. Dan Mason, Constable, Ed Neas, Constable. Marti Neas, Colleen Casimira, Bob Conniff, Josh Jonestein, Toni Sferlozza, Jack Zebora.

Call to Order: Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Public Comments:

1. The Dog and Pet Ordinance will be renamed the Animal Ordinance. Ms. Ehlers and Ms. Monness reported that they have instituted a new recording program to make sure all dogs in Town are licensed, and they are reaching out to current dog owners who have not yet registered their animals. In order to register an animal, they must be vaccinated to protect humans and other animals against rabies. Townspeople who have not registered their pets will be contacted by the Constables. Ms. Rochat will check with the State about whether or not this provision should be in the Animal Ordinance, which will be tabled until she gets an answer. Mr. Benson's motion to extend the collection of a late fee of \$10.00 until the end of June was approved unanimously.
2. Mr. Conniff, who has been working for the Town on improvements to buildings and grounds, suggested that it would be a good idea to replace the old carpet in the Town Office with the same tile that was

used in the new bathroom. Mr. Edson's motion to follow this suggestion was approved unanimously.

3. Pond Village resident Colleen Casimira came in to see if the Selectboard had any objection of putting up posters on the light poles along the road in Pond Village in celebration of America's 250th birthday. She reported that Green Mountain Powe supports the action, and the Selectboard echoed their support.
4. Josh Jonestein from Green Trails Inn sought approval for installing a Porta Potty on the backside of Green Trails Inn, and was told to contact the Zoning Administrator. He also asked about extending electrical power to Hippo Park and was advised to check with Green Mountain Power about what would be required to do so.
5. Tony Sferlozza stated that he had contacted the Zoning Administrator about another issue he had with Green Trails Inn, and did not like the Administrator's response so does not wish to work with him. Mr. Sferlozza is also not happy with the Windsor County Sheriff department. Mr. Benson asked that a copy of any emails on these issues be sent to the Selectboard Administration Assistant for review. Mr. Zebora also came to the meeting to place complaints about the Zoning Administrator.

Payroll and AP Warrants – May 11, 2026 – Ms. Koren made a motion to accept the AP Warrants in the amount of \$30,916.28 with largest going to Calkins Excavating in the amount of \$14,052.25 for work on the removal of the underground fuel tanks. All unanimously approved.

Highway Report – The road crew has been working on raking the roads and putting down stone. They will be hauling materials from R.E. Tucker this week.

Shoulder work needs to be done on Ridge Road and will require purchasing a gear head attachment for the grader.

Old Business

A crabapple tree will be planted in the front of the library in Honor of Dwayne Brees, a Town Resident who passed away recently.

New Business

A motion to accept two public assemblage permits from Green Trails and two from thre Brookfield Community Partnership was unanimously approved.

Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2026 were approved.

Other Proper Business

Ms. Koren reported that a Selectboard Meet-up on 4/30/2026 sponsored by VLCT and Two-Rivers Ottauquechee Region at Royalton Academy was well attended by Selectboard members from several Orange County towns.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted
Vicki Blanchard
Administrative Assistant