

## **BROOKFIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 5:30 PM

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

### **Unapproved Minutes**

The following committee members attended: Mike Stoddard; Stuart Edson, Dan Mason, Ed Neas, Michael Rutkovsky and Lew Stowell. No members of the public attended.

- A. 5:30: Call to Order. Lew Stowell called the meeting to order at 5:30.
- B. Review, and revise or approve the, May 20, 2026 meeting minutes. Stuart Edson made and Ed Neas seconded a motion to approve the May 20, 2026 meeting minutes as written. Motion Approved: 6-0-0.
- C. Questions or issues brought by members of the public. (Meeting Protocol). No members of the Public attended.
- D. Guest: Game Warden Jeff Whipple. Warden Whipple was unable to attend but hopes to attend in the future.
- E. Review and Discussion of WCSO activities including patrol hours, bills and reports. Deputy James Beraldi who has been patrolling Brookfield is leaving Vermont and WCSO in 4 to 6 weeks. There were 5 traffic stops made resulting in tickets being written for 11 to 20 miles over the speed limit. One of the five was in a work or school zone.
- F. Speeding and Other Incidents in Brookfield. Stuart Edson reported that there still is frequent speeding by the Post Office which is in a 30 MPH zone.
- G. Radar Speed Signs Research: Ed Neas. After a presentation by Ed Neas about his efforts to research available radar speed signs; there was discussion about features that should be included in the purchase of a unit. Michael Rutkovsky made and Mike Stoddard seconded a motion to appoint a committee of two: Ed Neas and Lew Stowell, to purchase one radar speed sign out of FY 2026 funds not later than June 30, 2026. Some of the features favored were 15-inch letters, capable of winter use, solar powered and being vandal and theft resistant. Approved 6-0-0.

- H. FY 2027 Law Enforcement Contract Recommendations. WCSD is experiencing staff losses and may not be able to provide services all year. Minor changes to the contract will be made. Stuart Edson will make the presentation to the Select Board at the Monday (June 22, 2026) meeting. Stuart Edson will contact all three candidates for Orange County Sheriff and invite them as guests to future meetings.
- I. Guest: Bill Donnelly- Emergency Communications- Mesh Radio Options. Bill Donnelly was unable to attend but Bill Meckel of West Street, Brookfield has approached Lew Stowell with a sample radio and a two-page informative presentation that included website links to possible MESH radios and accessories. Committee members discussed the presentation and the sample radio. Lew Stowell will send the presentation to all of the Committee members by email to allow them easy access to the lengthy links to MESH radios.
- J. Emergency Management Update. None received.
- K. Reflective Vest Program. Michael Rutkovsky issued one vest since the last meeting.
- L. E-911 House Number Signs Project Status. One more sign has been ordered and is expected soon.
- M. Traffic Control and Road Name Sign Progress. Stuart Edson reported that Tim Higgins, Road Foreman has ordered over \$3000.00 worth of traffic signs out of FY 2026 funds which should arrive soon.
- N. July 2026 Public Safety Message. Lew Stowell will publish the July safety message.
- O. Acknowledging the time and date of the next meeting. July 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM.
- P. Inviting one or more guest(s) to the next meeting (July 15, 2026). Jeff Whipple, Game Warden will be invited by Dan Mason and one or more candidates for Orange County Sheriff will be invited by Stuart Edson.
- Q. Final Public Comment. (Meeting Protocol)- No members of the Public attended.
- R. Entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Mason Made and Michael Rutkovsky seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Approved 6-0-0 at 6:34 PM.