

Town of Brookfield Selectboard Meeting
Monday July 13, 2026
6:00 pm
Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

Present: John Benson, Chair; Stuart Edson, Curtis Koren, Keith Sprague, Laura Rochat, members. Vicki Blanchard, Administrative Assistant. Betty Lord, Josh Jonestein, Jon Binhammer.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

Public Comments – Betty Lord reported that the wooden bench donated to the Town's Hippo Park in memory of Leonard Hodgdon needs repairing and asked if the Town would be willing to pay \$125-\$150 for Ted Elzey to purchase the necessary wood. This will be on the Agenda at the next meeting. Betty also proposed the idea of honoring Bob Hannah, the gentlemen who has volunteered his time to work on the damaged Hippo, with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Board posed the idea inviting him to a Town ice cream social to give a talk on his work and then present him with the Certificate. Betty will pursue this, as well as more details about a possible donation of a concrete or granite bench to the park.

Payroll and AP Warrants – A motion to accept the AP Warrants in the amount of \$33,954.52 with the largest sum going to John Kennedy Co. in the amount of \$11,200 for the new furnace full tank was unanimously approved.

Highway Report – Mr. Sprague reported that the crew was doing a lot of grading, hauling product and roadside mowing. Bob Conniff has also been working on energy repairs in the garage.

Old Business – Ms. Rochat shared a letter drafted to Alyssa Johnson from the VT Council on Rural Development stating the Board's interest in her program to facilitate community discussion with the Brookfield Community. The letter was unanimously approved.

New Business – Two Assemblage permits, one submitted from Kit Gage for a memorial service at the Old Town Hall Sunday July 26, 2026 and the other from The Arts Bus Inc. on August 28 and 29, 2026, were unanimously approved with added comments to the Arts Bus permit.

Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2026 and June 29, 2026. Mr. Edson made a motion to approve both the minutes as presented. All unanimously approved.

Other Proper Business

Dog Bite Issue – Mr. Edson heard from Town Constable Dan Mason inquiring if a complaint from Eric Johnson had been received. As of July 13 it hadn't, and should arrive this week. The Board will hold a Hearing on July 20, 2026 at 6:00pm to deal with the complaint.

Executive Session A motion to go into Executive Session at 6:39 pm for a Personnel matter (1(V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(B)) was unanimously approved, as was a motion to come out of Executive session at 7:17 pm

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Blanchard
Administrative Assistant