



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2023, 6:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary, Jenn Nemeth via Zoom, Bill Skene via Zoom

Absent: Lou Brodeur

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
2. Approve Meeting Minutes of 9/28/23: J. Voccio made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/28/23; A. Tanner seconded the motion; and the minutes of 9/28/23 were approved.

3. Public Comment: J. Voccio, on behalf of the Selectmen, Town of Brooklyn, and residents, offered condolences to Lou and Sandy Brodeur for the loss of Sandy's father, Norman Young.

4. Appointments:

- Bill Skene, EMHS, term expires 10/27/23, new term expires 10/27/26;**
- Richard Dvorin, EMHS, term expires 10/27/23, new term expires 10/27/26;**
- William Wheaton, Jr., EMHS, term expires 10/27/23, new term expires 10/27/26**
- John Haefele, EMHS, term expires 10/27/23, new term expires 10/27/26:**

A. Tanner made motion to appoint Bill Skene to EMHS with a term expiring 10/27/26, Richard Dvorin to EMHS with a term expiring 10/27/26, William Wheaton, Jr. to EMHS with a term expiring 10/27/26, and John Haefele to EMHS with a term expiring 10/27/26; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

5. New Business

a. STEAP Grant: A. Tanner stated that the Town received the STEAP Grant for \$250,000.00 for the paving of Church Street, which will probably be done in the Spring 2024.

b. Town Health Insurance: A. Tanner stated that he had met with the Town's insurance agent, and he went over the enrollment, claims, etc. He said since the trend is so good, the agent suggested the Town renew now so that we could get a better deal and cap the premium so it will not go over a certain amount.

6. Old Business

a. Veterans Day Ceremony: A. Tanner stated that the Veterans Day ceremony will be on Veterans Day, November 11, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the monuments, and that we need to get busy on this. J. Voccio stated that the 11th is also the Hazardous Waste Collection Day, which will run from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

b. Prince Hill Bathrooms: A. Tanner stated that the plumber, Paul Reali, is moving ahead on the bathrooms, he took out the tank, patched the pipe, closed the hole, and ordered new toilets. The bathrooms should be up and running for the Spring 2024.

c. 250th Year Celebration – State of Connecticut: A. Tanner stated that we are still looking for a liaison for this, and that he spoke with Mary Beth Leonard, and she said she might be interested.

d. Department of Health Discussion: The Board discussed the issues with the Department of Health and NECCOG, that we need the services that they provide in a timely fashion, and it is hoped that things will come together so we can move forward.

e. JMN/Fire District: A. Tanner read a letter from the Town Attorney with respect to this lawsuit, which stated that the Fire District has withdrawn its lawsuit against the Town and JMN and that the only claim remaining is the one brought by JMN against the Town and Fire District. It was discussed that the insurance company is in the driver's seat right now as far as settlement of this claim.

7. Review Single Family Dwellings Report: The Board acknowledged this report.

8. Discussion on Financials: The Board briefly discussed the financials. J. Voccio stated that at some point, we may need to ask S. Cates if we should do a balance transfer to not necessarily change the bottom line but to be able to change the encumbrances, so they are not showing as negative. A. Tanner said he would discuss this with her.

9. Approve Bills:

-A. Tanner made a motion to pay Voucher #1207, dated October 12, 2023, in the amount of \$40,638.21; J. Voccio stated he had a different total though he seconded the motion for discussion. It was determined that the correct amount was \$40,568.21, and the motion was approved for this amount.

-A. Tanner made a motion to pay Voucher #1210, dated October 12, 2023, in the amount of \$454.85; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.

-A. Tanner made a motion to pay Voucher #1208, dated October 12, 2023, in the amount of \$604.73 which is mileage and conferences. J. Voccio stated that as a matter of disclosure, this voucher included reimbursement of \$367.10 to his wife, who attended the Registrar's Conference, but the Selectmen did not authorize the trip or travel. A. Tanner stated that this was in their budget. J. Voccio then seconded; and the motion was approved.

10. Other Business: J. Voccio stated that Brooklyn Cares was up and running in the Community Center, they have already begun distributing food and clothing, and that there are a lot of residents looking for opportunities to donate both clothing, food, and cash. He said he is in awe of everyone's energy and dedication, and he asked for the public's patience as the organization and volunteers get everything up and running.

11. Public Comment: None.

12. Adjourn: J. Voccio made a motion to adjourn; A. Tanner seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary