



## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 26, 2023, 4:20 pm  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building  
and via Zoom

**Present:** Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

**Also Present:** Sandy Brodeur, Kayla Burgess via Zoom, Kathryn Galvin via Zoom, Amanda Langevin via Zoom, Hannah Phelps via Zoom, Joan Duignan via Zoom, Michael Podzalne via Zoom, Heather Allen via Zoom, Carrie Juhasz via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2023:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2023; J. Voccio seconded the motion; and the minutes of October 12, 2023 were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments:** Resignation of Lou Brodeur. Mike Barry to Resource Recovery as an alternate with a term expiring 8/1/28; J. Voccio made a motion to accept L. Brodeur's resignation as of November 7, 2023 from Resource Recovery, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Homeland Security; A. Tanner seconded; L. Brodeur abstained; and the motion was approved. L. Brodeur has requested that he remain on the ARPA Committee until the remainder of the money is spent, and he also requested that he be allowed to serve on the Capital Committee next year. L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Mike Barry as an alternate member of the Resource Recovery with a term expiring 8/1/28; A. Tanner seconded; J. Voccio stated he does not support the nomination; the motion passed.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Fire Lane:** This was tabled until next meeting.
6. **Old Business**
  - a. **250<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration – State of Connecticut:** The Board is hopeful that between Mary Beth Leonard, Keith Knowlton, and Elaine Knowlton, someone or all of them will take on this responsibility.
  - b. **Prince Hill Bathrooms:** A. Tanner stated that the Prince Hill bathrooms are done, we are going to winterize them, and open them in the Spring. We are still working on the cameras and the locks for the doors.
  - c. **JMN/Fire District Lawsuit:** The Board discussed the lawsuit, including the parties trying to come up with a figure so we can settle the lawsuit, if the insurance would cover the Town to fund the settlement, and putting pressure where needed to get things resolved.
7. **Monthly Police Services Report:** The Board acknowledged this report.
8. **Discussion on Financials:** J. Voccio brought up the estimates for encumbrances for disposals for Resource Recovery, and A. Tanner said he would discuss this again with S. Cates.
9. **Approve Bills:**
  - L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1236, dated **October 26, 2023**, in the amount of **\$103,886.78**; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.

-L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1237, dated **October 26, 2023**, in the amount of **\$517.44**; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.

-L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1239, dated **October 26, 2023**, in the amount of **\$1,854.31**; J. Voccio seconded. Discussion was held about the amount being coded incorrectly, and A. Tanner will advise S. Cates to correct this. The motion was then approved.

-L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1242, dated **October 26, 2023**, in the amount of **\$309.33**; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.

**10. Other Business:** L. Brodeur said there was a meeting at the Town Hall the other night, and there is no light in the parking lot at all and it is pitch dark. The Board also briefly discussed the WPCA and the latest bills and increase in rates. The Board recognized L. Brodeur and thanked him for his many years of service.

**11. Public Comment:** S. Brodeur made a statement about the JMN/Fire District lawsuit and its impact on the Ice Box, etc. She also stated that it is her feeling that at times calculating encumbrances does not do the Town any good, etc. M. Podzalne, Kayla Burgess, and C. Juhasz all made comments regarding the lawsuit.

**12. Adjourn:** L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting; J. Voccio seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary