



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

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

Also Present: Ken Dykstra, Shelley Cates, and other members of the public, Jenn Nemeth via Zoom, Sharon Loughlin via Zoom, and Sandra Brodeur via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve minutes of March 9, 2023; J. Voccio seconded; and the minutes were approved.
- 2a. **Public Comment:** J. Voccio made a motion to add Public Comment as line item 2a; L. Brodeur seconded; and Public Comment was added as 2a. No public comment
3. **Appointments:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Anna Whalon Ramos to Housing Authority with a term to expire on April 1, 2028; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was passed unanimously. L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Stephen Mylly to the Board of Ethics with a term to expire on June 26, 2025; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Stetson Road Property:** Kyle Timoteo contacted A. Tanner about purchasing a lot on Stetson Road. It is unclear who owns the property. A. Tanner will check with the abutters and figure this out before we can entertain any offers to buy. The Town does not want to pay for a title search.
5. **Update on Green Building:** A. Tanner reports that the contractor sent an email saying that he has almost completed the contract. We do not know the figure yet, and we have not yet spoken with the insurance adjuster, but we are getting closer.
6. **Financials:** No comments
7. **Earth Day:** A. Tanner mentioned that Earth Day was April 15, 2023, 9:00 am to 12:00, that we were all prepared, and hoping that people will come out.
8. **Budget Update:** A. Tanner mentioned that there were a few holes in the budget, there will be adjustments, but the Board of Finance wants us to report on April 19, 2023, and that will be BOE as proposed. It appears that there will be over a mil increase, but we still have a few adjustments to make and that is without Capital.
9. **Approve Bills:** L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher 1497, dated April 14, 2023, for \$378.16 (Frontier); J. Voccio seconded; motion passed. L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher 1498, dated April 17, 2023, for \$280.76 (mileage reimbursement); J. Voccio seconded; motion passed. L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher 1486, dated April 13, 2023, for \$40.00 (Transfer Station Credit Card Machine); J. Voccio seconded; motion passed. L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher 1499, dated April 13, 2023, for \$113,932.22; J. Voccio seconded. The Randi Frank Consulting Survey is almost complete; the next bill may will need to vote on, it would be for them coming in and explaining the survey to staff. Suisman Shapiro bills were mostly for reviewing contracts, etc. CIL invoice will hopefully be the last one. Motion to pay Voucher 1499 was passed.
10. **Single Family Dwellings Report:** Report was acknowledged, no comments.

11. Other Business: J. Voccio asked about the Fire Companies lawsuit; A. Tanner stated that the District and Fire Company hired Attorney Mark Needleman to see if he could mediate this; he did propose something but that was before the counterclaim was made. Settlement is probably not too likely as the damages they are asking for are quite substantial. A. Tanner stated the WPCA contract with Killingly is ready to be signed; the ARPA contract is being reviewed by the attorney and we should have it soon.

12. Public Comment: K. Dykstra expressed his concern about the Town using the American Flag for decorations, how they are not being flown respectfully, and that perhaps we should look into something different. L. Brodeur stated it was the Rec Department that handles that, but he will check on the cost of red, white, and blue banners. The Recreation Director will be part-time for about a month or so, and we have an interview on Monday for her position. S. Brodeur and A. Tanner discussed the lawsuit and whether settlement negotiations have been made. J. Voccio stated that the First Selectmen should be brought into the discovery portion of the lawsuit and consulted before any settlement is made.

13. Adjourn: L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn; J. Voccio seconded; meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary