

Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 25, 2021
9:00am via Cisco Webex Meetings

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Present: Rick Ives, Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary
Also Present: Sandy Brodeur and Sharon Loughlin

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
2. **Appointments**
Lou Brodeur made a motion to appoint Deborah Warren to Parks & Recreation as a regular member, term expiring 3/11/23; appoint Richard Calarco to Conservation as a regular member, term expiring 1/26/24; appoint Seth Pember to Planning & Zoning as an alternate member with a term expiring 10/01/2024; appoint Jimmy Thayer to Planning and Zoning as an alternate member with a term expiring 10/01/2024; appoint John Haeefe as an alternate member to Planning & Zoning with a term expiring 10/01/2023; and appoint Jason Burgess as a regular member to Inland Wetland with a term expiring 10/10/2023. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Rick Ives met with these applicants and feels they will all be beneficial for the noted board or commission. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Austin Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/11/21 as presented. Lou Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Discussion on 2021-22 Budget:** As previously discussed, Rick Ives states he would like to hire two college students to work in the cemetery three days a week with one supervisor, an employee from the Recreation department or Highway department. This will cost approximately \$8,600 for 10-12 weeks. First week of June most likely the start time but will try for sooner to cover Memorial Day.

The numbers on the spreadsheet for capital are the old numbers, they will be updated.

Brooklyn will be receiving \$816,000 for COVID Relief funds. The complete list of what it can be used for is not completed yet but should be today. It can not be used to reduce your budget. It is geared towards helping businesses or completing projects the Town was unable to due to using the funds for unexpected expenses. The school will have a separate set of rules on how to use the funds, they will have to file and have it approved before spending.

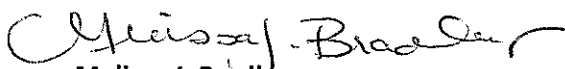
6. **Update on COVID 19:** Brooklyn's number is up over 6 again. The school may have to reevaluate their current plan. No solution on holding Town Meetings has been confirmed yet.

7. **Update on Executive Orders:** The executive orders are extended to May 20th.
8. **Discussion on Cemetery:** Discussion held in item #5.
9. **Earth Day Follow Up:** An earth day event will be held on May 1st. We will try to have a shredding truck available.
10. **Discussion on Capital Projects:** There is a meeting set for next week. Steve Breen from Mortlake Fire Department has specs for a truck, but Rick has not seen them yet. The school will be presenting their budget next week at Board of Finance.
11. **Discussion on School Solar Panel Ribbon Cutting:** This is scheduled for 4/27 @1pm.
12. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion
13. **Approve Bills:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1200 dated 3/25/21 in the amount of \$181,175.14. Austin Tanner seconded the motion for discussion. Rick will check into the \$5,600 janitorial bill and \$199 water bill at Tiffany Street. The bill paid to Killingly Asphalt included previous years that were misplaced. It was determined by the Town Attorney the dispute between the Ice Box and the Fire Department is not a Town issue. Austin has questions regarding legal issues before approving the bills. Rick suggests continuing with the meeting and motion to executive session at the end.
14. **Other Business:** Lou Brodeur questions if the newsletter can be mailed to homes and or put on a face book page? Rick states it is costly to mail but will get a cost.
15. **Public Comment:** Sharon Loughlin is concerned with the number of trees removed on Bush Hill road. She would like the Selectmen to review State Statute section 2359 and 2365, she believes they were not followed. Ms. Loughlin also states a lot of the trees removed did not show signs of damage.

Austin Tanner made a motion to go into executive order at 9:52am to discuss legal matters. Lou Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
Executive session ended at 10:08am.

Item #13 – Bills – motion to approve passed 3-0.
16. **Adjourn:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Respectfully Submitted;


Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary