

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 10, 2023, 6:30 pm
Community Center and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary
Also Present: Ken Dykstra, David Lee

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2023:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2023; J. Voccio seconded the motion; and the minutes of July 27, 2023 were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Assessor:** A. Tanner informed the Board that the Assessor has retired, and her last day is next week, and Assistant Assessor is retiring, and her last day is in September. He stated that they have set up a few interviews for next week for the Assessor's position.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Steap Grant:** A. Tanner presented and read two STEAP Grant requests, one for \$250,000.00 for Church Street paving and one for \$200,000.00 for South Street Park Play Scape.
 - b. **Steap Grant Resolution:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the STEAP grant requests for \$250,000.00 for Church Street paving and for \$200,000.00 for South Street Park Play Scape; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
6. **Review Single Family Dwellings Report:** This report was acknowledged by the Board.
7. **Discussion on Financials:** A. Tanner stated that he spoke with S. Cates, and the fringe benefits line was coded incorrectly, and she will fix it. The Board discussed financials and some mistakes were noted, perhaps coded incorrectly, and A. Tanner stated he would speak with Shelley Cates regarding the concerns.
8. **Approve Bills:**
 - L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1652, dated June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$623.71; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
 - L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1649, dated June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$24,654.56; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
 - L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1650, dated June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$9,231.56 (Town capital, boiler in school); J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
 - L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1078, dated August 10, 2023, in the amount of \$34,869.55; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
 - L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1077, dated June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$63,633.32; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
 - L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1099, dated August 10, 2023, in the amount of \$250.00 (State of Connecticut); J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.

-L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1092, dated August 10, 2023, in the amount of \$135.41 (mileage reimbursement); J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.

-L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1075, dated August 10, 2023, in the amount of \$404.09 (Frontier); J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.

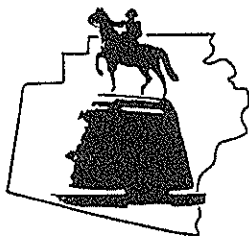
-L. Brodeur made a motion to pay Voucher #1094, dated August 10, 2023, in the amount of \$1822.61 (gasoline); J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved. It was noted that Parks and Rec workers are doing a great job on mowing all the grass in Town.

9. Other Business: A. Tanner made a motion to change the location of meetings scheduled after October 1, 2023 to the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center Meeting Room; L. Brodeur seconded the motion; and the motion was approved. A. Tanner stated that he was contacted by a representative of C-PACE, which is a loan program for clean energy, and the Board had discussion regarding that. The Board discussed the Little Dipper Farm and the Windham Land Trust, the WPCA rate increase and maybe hiring a consultant, the lawsuit involving the injunction, Tatnic Road, etc.

10. Public Comment: D. Lee stated he thinks more pressure should be put on the WPCA to provide more details on how they arrived at their budget and to provide more transparency on how they arrive at their billing rates. This was discussed further by the Board. The Prince Hill bathrooms were discussed, as well as the renovations to the Green Building. A Resource Recovery Board meeting was supposed to be held after the meeting, but it was not so the Board discussed having a special meeting after the next meeting on August 31, 2023.

11. Adjourn: L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn; A. Tanner seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary



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TOWN OF BROOKLYN CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION – STEAP 2023

I, Katherine Bisson, CCTC, Town Clerk of the Town of Brooklyn, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the Resolution adopted at a Town Meeting of said municipality at a meeting held on August 10, 2023:

RESOLVED, that First Selectman of the Town of Brooklyn, Austin Tanner, is authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Brooklyn a 2023 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Church Street paving and drainage reclamation; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectman of the Town of Brooklyn, Austin Tanner, is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts, and documents necessary to obtain said 2023 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.

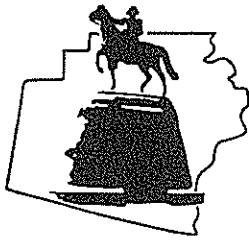
AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended, or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Austin Tanner is the First Selectman of the Town of Brooklyn and that he has held that office since November, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by seal the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Katherine Bisson, CCTC
Town Clerk of the Town of Brooklyn

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