



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT 06234

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Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 21, 2023, 7:00 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Ray Preece, Joe Voccio, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Mike Barry, Stephen Mylly, Andre Beaudoin, Dave Lee, Sandra Brodeur, Lou Brodeur, other members of the public

Via Zoom: Linda Trahan, Ciaran Wilcox, Carrie Barna, Cynthia Rushworth, Jessica Solis, and other members of the public

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2023:** R. Preece made a motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2023; J. Voccio seconded; and the minutes of November 30, 2023 were approved.

Approve Special Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023: J. Voccio made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2023; A. Tanner seconded; and the minutes of November 16, 2023 were approved.

Approve Revised Meeting Minutes of November 9 2023: J. Voccio made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2023; R. Preece seconded; and the minutes of November 9, 2023 were approved.

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Appointments:**

-**Shawn Lisee, EM/HS, 1/1/24:** J. Voccio made a motion to appoint Shawn Lisee to EM/HS with a term expiring 1/1/27; R. Preece seconded; and Shawn Lisee was appointed as a Member of the EM/HS Commission with a term expiring 1/1/27.

-**Lou Brodeur, Agriculture, 1/14/24:** R. Preece made a motion to appoint Lou Brodeur to Agriculture with a term expiring 1/14/27; J. Voccio seconded; and Lou Brodeur was appointed as a Member of the Agricultural Commission with a term expiring 1/14/27.

-**David Wilterdink, Parks and Rec, 1/1/24:** J. Voccio made a motion to appoint David Wilterdink to Parks and Rec with a term expiring 1/1/28; R. Preece seconded; and David Wilterdink was appointed as a Member of the Parks and Rec Commission with a term expiring 1/1/28.

-**Allen Fitzgerald, Planning & Zoning, 1/1/24:** A. Tanner made a motion to appoint Allen Fitzgerald to Planning & Zoning with a term expiring 1/1/28; J. Voccio seconded; and Allen Fitzgerald was appointed as a Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term expiring 1/1/28.

-**Lisa Herring, Planning and Zoning, 1/1/24:** A. Tanner made a motion to appoint Lisa Herring to Planning & Zoning with a term expiring 1/1/28; J. Voccio seconded; and Lisa Herring was appointed as a Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term expiring 1/1/28.

a. **Boards and Commission Questionnaires:**

-Melissa Filgerleski (Resource Recovery): R. Preece made a motion to table this item for next meeting; J. Voccio seconded; and this has been tabled to the next meeting.

-Jessica Marie Long (Inland Wetlands, Alt. Deane Rettig, 3/11/24); Sharon Loughlin (Inland Wetlands – James Paquin, 9/12/26): J. Voccio made a motion for Jessica Marie Long to replace Deane Rettig as an Alternate Member on Inland Wetlands with a term expiring 3/11/24 and Sharon Loughlin to replace James Paquin as a Member on Inland Wetlands with a term expiring 9/12/26; R. Preece seconded; and Jessica Marie was appointed as an Alternate Member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission with a term expiring 3/11/24, and Sharon Loughlin was appointed as a Member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission with a term expiring 9/12/26.

-Richard Oliverson (ZBA, Stephen Mylly, 1/1/29): R. Preece made a motion to appoint Richard Oliverson to replace Stephen Mylly on ZBA with a term expiring 1/1/29; J. Voccio seconded; and Richard Oliverson was appointed as a Member of the ZBA Commission with a term expiring 1/1/29. A. Tanner stated he had received a legal opinion from the Town Attorney stating an employee of the Town cannot serve on the ZBA Commission.

-Carrie Barna (EM/HS, Alt. Shawn Lisee 1/1/24): R. Preece made a motion to appoint Carrie Barna to replace Shawn Lisee as an Alternate Member on EM/HS with a term expiring 1/1/27; J. Voccio seconded; and Carrie Barna was appointed as an Alternate Member of the EM/HS Commission as an Alternate Member with a term expiring 1/1/27.

-Mark Spellman (EM/HS, 12/13/24): J. Voccio made a motion for Mark Spellman to replace Lou Brodeur as a Member on EM/HS with a term expiring 12/13/24; R. Preece seconded; and Mark Spellman was appointed as a Member of the EM/HS Commission with a term expiring 12/13/24. A. Tanner stated that there were two applicants, Carrie Barna and Mark Spellman, but they chose Mark Spellman as a Regular and Carrie Barna as an Alternate so that we would have one from each fire department on the Board.

5. New Business

a. Budget Workshop: A. Tanner stated that he spoke with S. Cates about having workshops one hour before the Selectmen meetings, and this will probably start in February 2024.

b. Monument: A. Tanner stated that the AmVets has been sold and the Town has agreed to take the monument. It was discussed where we might want to display it, and it was decided we would put it with the others across from the Fire Department for now.

c. Forum: A. Tanner stated that we used to have forums quarterly and nobody came, and we used to drag conversation out of people, and now there seems to be a need, that people want to talk, and there may be a need for them again. The Board agreed it would be a place where residents could voice concerns, raise issues, etc., and they can have them quarterly or more often if needed. A. Tanner will look at dates and set up a meeting.

d. Resolution EMPG Grant: J. Voccio made a motion to approve the Authorization for the First Selectman to apply for the Grant as certified by the Kate Bisson, Town Clerk; R. Preece seconded; and the motion was approved.

e. FOI Rules Training: The Board discussed this training for Town Employees, Residents, Public, and Board and Commission Members.

6. Old Business

a. Priorities for the year: The Board discussed many things, including giving the public access to all Zoom recordings, joint working groups, Town Hall and Library, Paradise Lake, Community Investment Funds, trails and sidewalks, grants, pre-applications, Health Department Lease, etc.

b. JMN Properties Lawsuit: A. Tanner reported that the lawsuit is continuing on, discovery is ongoing with extensions filed, as well as CIRMA filing request to revise to separate the Fire Company from the Town, etc.

c. Fire Lane Ordinance: A. Tanner the Fire Department was in agreement about the forty-eight hours to pay a fine being unreasonable and agreed it should be changed to five to ten business days. The Board discussed other aspects and it was decided that perhaps they should have a joint meeting with the Board of Fire Commissioners and that we should table this to next meeting.

d. Town Planner Position: A. Tanner said we do not have anyone to take this position right now, and that he spoke with NECCOG about filling in, and he has also set up a Zoom meeting for next Wednesday with a group called Tyche, which is a planning group out of Vernon. He also said he spoke with J. Filchak, and he said they could fill in, but A. Tanner said the Town may want to contract it out instead of hiring someone.

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

8. Discussion on Financials: None

9. Approve Bills:

-A. Tanner referred to Voucher #1315, dated December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$268,244.75; J. Voccio motioned to approve said voucher; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

-A. Tanner referred to Voucher #1316, dated December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$292.91; J. Voccio motioned to approve said voucher; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

-A. Tanner referred to Voucher #1328, dated December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$1,494.47; J. Voccio motioned to approve said voucher; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

-A. Tanner referred to Voucher #1329, dated December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$1,226.55; J. Voccio motioned to approve said voucher; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

-A. Tanner referred to Voucher #1330, dated December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$553.97; J. Voccio motioned to approve said voucher; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

-A. Tanner referred to Voucher #1331, dated December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$11,920.44; J. Voccio motioned to approve said voucher; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

-A. Tanner referred to Voucher #1336, dated December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$242.00; R. Preece motioned to approve said voucher; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

-A. Tanner referred to Voucher #1340, dated December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$567.30; J. Voccio motioned to approve said voucher; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

10. Other Business: A. Tanner stated this line item should not be here as this is a Special Meeting.

11. Public Comment: S. Brodeur stated that she would like to see the Board add working on a Town charter or a Town Manager to the list of priorities for the year. D. Lee also made comments about the FOI training through CCM, Town Charter, the concept of public safety organization and facilities, expanding the public water supply, necessary upgrades to the Tatnic Road pump station, and fire lane ordinance, and modifications to the Town website to include term dates. J. Voccio also mentioned working groups.

12. Adjourn: R. Preece made a motion to adjourn the meeting; J. Voccio seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

SECTION C. AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

All Forms Must Be Original - Copies Will Not Be Accepted

This Blanket Resolution Can Also Be Used to Satisfy the Requirements of the Homeland Security Grant Program

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

(Insert name of governing body—for example, town council)

CERTIFICATION:

I, Katherine Bisson, CCTC, the Town Clerk of the Town of Brooklyn,
(keeper of the records—for ex. town clerk or secretary of council)

do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by
the Town of Brooklyn at its duly called and held meeting on May 24, 2023,
(name of governing body) *(Month, Day)*

at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified,
rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Brooklyn may enter into with and deliver
(name of governing body)

to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of
Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be
necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Austin Tanner, as First Selectman of
(name and title of officer)

Town of Brooklyn,
(Name of governing body)

is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the

Town of Brooklyn
(name of governing body)

and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry
out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Austin Tanner
(name of officer)

now holds the office of First Selectman and that he/she has held that office since
November 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 20th day of

December 20 23

Katherine Bisson, Town Clerk
(Name and title of record keeper)



The Chief Executive Officer has not changed since the
previous resolution was authorized on 5/24/23
(Date)

SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
February	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
March	1	0	2	4	2	4	1	1	1	3
April	1	0	1	2	0	1	5	1	0	0
May	7	2	0	1	1	3	2	2	2	2
June	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	1	3	1
July	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	2	0
September	2	2	1	2	1	1	5	1	2	0
October	1	0	2	1	4	0	2	4	0	2
November	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	2	0	1
December	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	

Totals

14	8	10	14	19	15	23	16	13	9
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- March 2011 4 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo units; 2 Single Family Dwellings
- August 2011 5 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo units; 3 Single Family Dwellings
- March 2012 6 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units; 2 Duplex; 2 Single Family Dwellings
- October 2012 3 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units; 1 Single Family Dwelling
- March 2013 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units; 1 Single Family Dwelling
- June 2013 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units
- October 2013 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units
- May 2014 SFD buildings consisting of 1 Single Family Dwelling and 3 Condo Units
- June 2020 SFD buildings consisting of 1 Single Family Dwelling and 1 Duplex
- May 2022-2 SFD builds consisting of 1 Duplex; 1 Single Family Dwelling
- June 2023 SFD buildings consisting of 1 Duplex