



## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 8, 2024, 6:30 pm  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building  
and via Zoom

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

**Also Present:** Lou Brodeur, Sandy Brodeur, Ken Dykstra, Dave Lee, Mike Alexander, Mike Barry, Stephen Mylly

**Via Zoom:** Heather Allen, Lisa Arends, Carrie Barna, JoAnn Gerardi-Voccio, Mike Podzalne, Cynthia Rushworth, Jessical Solis, L. Trahan

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024:** R. Preece made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2024; J. Voccio seconded the motion; and the minutes of January 25, 2024 were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Resignation and Appointments:** **Brandon Zurek resigning from Board of Ethics; Carrie Barna to Board of Ethics to replace Brandon Zurek, term expires: June 26, 2025; Melissa Filgerleski was appointed to Resource Recovery at last meeting; she will replace Rick Ives, with a term expiring: 11/16/2026; Mark Masopust to Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Lou Brodeur, term expiring: January 1, 2027; William Greene reappointed to Conservation with term expiring: February 12, 2027. Fire Commissioners: Matthew Alexander, David (DJ) Costa, William Wheaton, Jr., Leo Berube, Dave Kowolenko, Mark Spellmon:** Melissa Filgerleski will replace R. Ives on the Resource Recovery Board with a term expiring 11/16/26. R. Preece made a motion to appoint Mark Masopust to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expiring 1/1/27; seconded by J. Voccio for discussion. A. Tanner went over Mark Masopust's questionnaire; and the motion passed. R. Preece made a motion to reappoint William Greene to the Conservation Commission with a term expiring 2/12/27; seconded by J. Voccio for discussion; and the motion passed. It was decided by the Board that members applying for or being nominated for Board positions should come to the meetings to present themselves and answer questions. J. Voccio made a motion to table the remaining appointments on the Agenda to the next meeting pending this happening; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed. A. Tanner read Brandon Zurek's letter wherein he resigns from the Board of Ethics; J. Voccio made a motion to accept the resignation; R. Preece seconded; and the motion was approved. A. Tanner thanked Brandon Zurek for his service.
5. **New Business:**
  - a. **Earth Day April 22, 2024: Pellegrino Trucking is available for shredding April 13, 2024. Two hours \$380.00 or three hours \$570.00:** A. Tanner stated that we were going to schedule our Earth Day Event for April 13, 2024, because Pellegrino is available that day and has the best pricing. He also stated that if the Town has any shredding, we should make it available that day.
  - b. **Rachel Trzepak, resident of Brooklyn turning 100 years old February 13, 2024; being recognized on 2/10/24 at Creamery Brook Village, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm.:** R. Preece and J. Voccio are happy to attend, and J. Voccio made a motion that we

proclaim February 13, 2024 as Rachel Trzepack Day in the Town of Brooklyn, Connecticut; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed. R. Preece and J. Voccio will work on a certificate will be presented to her at her birthday celebration

**c. OSHA:** A. Tanner discussed that we had a visit from an OSHA representative and there are a few minor things in each building that we must fix and no major infractions that were mentioned. He said he will be coming back with a report, and then we will know more when we receive that.

**6. Old Business**

**a. Tiche Planning and Policy Group:** A. Tanner stated that we signed a contract with Tiche Planning, and our contact person, Manuel Mendes, started Monday and went to his first Zoning meeting on Wednesday. He spoke with staff on Monday and spent time on J. Roberson's computer familiarizing himself with things. A. Tanner was very impressed with him at the meeting, says he seems to know the rules and regulations, and was very aware of what was on the Agenda. Though not finalized, his schedule will be Monday and Tuesday afternoons in person and online for whatever we need.

**b. Town Meeting/Public Forum:** A. Tanner said he felt the meeting went fairly well and minutes were taken. He suggests that perhaps in the future before a public forum, we have an educational session, i.e., FOI presentation, budget process, etc., where we can invite residents and staff from the Town.

**7. Single Family Dwelling Report:** This report was acknowledged by the Board.

**8. Discussion on Financials:** J. Voccio stated that he did not see any issues in the financials, and that we get more information at the Board of Finance meetings because S. Cates is there to answer our questions.

**9. Approve Bills:**

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1422, dated 2/8/24, in the amount of \$111,888.48; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1424, dated 2/8/24, in the amount of \$225.58; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1425, dated 2/8/24, in the amount of \$1,308.88; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1426, dated 2/8/24, in the amount of \$293.03; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1427, dated 2/7/24, in the amount of \$218.87; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1429, dated 2/8/24, in the amount of \$3,960.00; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-The Board then discussed the waterline, Tatnic Road, Church Street, Spalding Herrick, Beta Group, Day Street, etc.

**10. Other Business:** The Board talked about setting up working groups for Town Manager and possibly WPCA, funding needs, budget workshops, the lawsuit, etc. They also talked about setting up a Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting on 2/22/24 at 6:30 pm and an ARPA Committee meeting on 2/22/24 at 5:30 pm. A. Tanner stated that our health insurance premium is flat with a zero percent increase; that P. Buell informed him that they finished their negotiations for the school administrators' contract and unless there are comments, it will be final. A. Tanner also said the Town is in the process of setting up union negotiation meetings and all Selectmen can participate.

**11. Public Comment:** S. Brodeur stated that they have three people so far for the permanent Capital Committee and they are looking for people from other boards to join.

**12. Adjourn:** R. Preece made a motion to adjourn the meeting; J. Voccio seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

