

## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 28, 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: Dave Lee, Bill Skene, Linda Trahan, and other members of the public Via Zoom: Heather Allen, Matt Alexander, Carrie Barna, Cynthia Rushworth, Ciaran Wilcox, Jessica Solis

- 1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
- 2. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2024: R. Preece made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2024; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.
- 3. Public Comment: L. Trahan, 26 Maynard Road, read a statement that she prepared regarding C. Barna's appointment to the Board of Ethics. C. Wilcox, 362 Day Street, spoke about the conditions of Day Street.
- 4. No Appointments at this time
- 5. New Business: Brooklyn Cares Community Center to be discussed later.
- 6. Old Business
- a. Town Forum: A. Tanner said we have tentatively scheduled a Town Forum to be held on April 22, 2024 and we are going to try to have an educational component to it before we open it up to general comments. He is looking for suggestions for this.
- b. Day Street: A. Tanner stated that the Town Engineer assured him that the road is safe, and there is no issues with the lane we have open. He also said there was a meeting on it with DEEP, Army Corp. Engineers, Department of Transportation, etc. to see what we can do moving forward, and it seems we are going to have to hire a civil engineer. The Board discussed this further, and J. Voccio made a motion to open up the meeting for Public Comment; A. Tanner seconded; and the motion was approved. The situation was discussed further by the public and the Board.
- c. Beta: A. Tanner stated that he met with the Beta Group this morning and they are very close to deciding what road they are going to be doing.
- d. Generator: A. Tanner said the generator for the Green Building is due on May 6, 2024.
- e. NDDH Lease: A. Tanner mentioned that maybe the Town offices should be moved there. There was some discussion regarding this, and it was suggested that perhaps the Long Term Capital Committee could look into this further.
- 7. Discussion on Financials: None
- 8. Approve Bills:
- -R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1510, dated 3/28/24, in the amount of \$179,525.74; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
- -R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1511, dated 3/28/24, in the amount of \$1,751,91; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
- -R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1512, dated 3/28/24, in the amount of \$2,959.00; J. Voccio seconded; and R. Preece stated that this was for transportation for the ski club and questioned where the revenue is to offset this. A. Tanner stated he

would speak with S. Cates or A. Brosnan to obtain a breakdown. The motion was approved.

- 9. Other Business: A. Tanner read a letter from Brooklyn Cares Community Center about moving upstairs at the Community Center. J. Voccio suggested that A. Tanner go to the next Board meeting to discuss this. R. Preece said he would not mind getting a tour of the entire building. A. Tanner said Union negotiations began and encouraged the Selectmen to participate. He also said that Planet Aide offered to have a truck at the Transfer Station on Earth Day collecting clothes
- 10. Public Comment: There was discussion regarding the Board of Ethics and about board members recusing themselves from decisions. C. Barna discussed Day Street and contacting FEMA 1.
- 11. Adjourn: R. Preece made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm; J. Voccio seconded; and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary