



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen **Revised** Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 9, 2023, 6:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Carrie Barna, Galliehue Blevins, Sandy Brodeur, Steve Fiedler, Mary Kalencik, Chris Maxim, Kyle Morrissey, Jenn Nemeth, Matt Nemeth, Matt Noren, Jean Pothier, Richard Pothier, Jessica Solis, Linda Trahan, Amy Turner, Kathy Williamson, Other members of the public

Via Zoom: Heather Allen, Sarah Bouchard, Steve Breen, Jason Burgess, Shelley Cates, Kimberly Day, Allen Fitzgerald, Maria Gandy-Winslow, A. Genna, Ryan Graham, Stephanie Grocki-Hynes, Richard Ives, Carrie Juhasz, Jessica King, Sharon Loughlin, Audrey Lussier, Melisa Moone, Kerri O'Neill, Sara Phelps, Michael Podzalone, Frankie Ruiz, Brian Simmons, Lori Claudi Soffel, Mike Snyder, K. Vilaysone, Diane Wimmer, WINY, Troy Wood, Other members of the public

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Approve Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2023: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2023; J. Voccio seconded the motion; and the minutes of October 26, 2023 were approved.

3. Public Comment: Several individuals, both online and in person, made comments about the lawsuit involving the Town and the Ice Box and Jenn and Matt Nemeth. There were also typed messages from people online. The public comments were made in the order below by the following:

1. Matt Noren, 21 Church Street, Brooklyn, in person;
2. Galliehue Blevins, 58 Church Street, Brooklyn, in person;
3. Linda Trahan, 26 Maynard Road, Brooklyn, in person;
4. Mary Kalensik, Owner of small Brooklyn based landscaping business, in person;
5. Amy Turner, 246 Allen Hill Road, Brooklyn, in person;
6. Ryan Graham, Alexandria, Virginia, online;
7. Steve Fiedler, 82 Bunny Lane, Brooklyn, in person;
8. Richard Pothier, Brevin Properties, 9 South Main Street, Brooklyn, in person;
9. Chris Maxim, 141 South Main Street, Brooklyn, in person;
10. Galliehue Blevins, 58 Juniper Way, Brooklyn, in person;
11. Matt Nemeth, 131 Day Street, Brooklyn, in person;
12. Jean Pothier, Shear Reflections, 9 South Main Street, Brooklyn, in person;
13. Kim's iPhone, no information provided, online;
14. Carrie Juhasz, 38 Day Street, Brooklyn, online;
15. Melisa Moone, 173 South Main Street, Apt. 2, Brooklyn, online;
16. Kathy Williamson, ? Brooklyn, in person;
17. Jessica Solis, 22 Juniper Way, Brooklyn, in person.

4. New Business

a. Fire Lane: A. Tanner said the State passed a statute years ago that Towns could make their own fire ordinances, and the Town of Brooklyn never did it, so we are trying to form a fire lane ordinance. J. Voccio stated he would like more time to

review. L. Brodeur made a motion to table this to the next meeting; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

b. Beta Group: A. Tanner stated that this is a group that we hired to survey our roads; that he met with the representative last week and let him know that the Town received the STEAP Grant for Church Street, so he will come up with a plan for other roads, and they will meet again in the near future.

5. Old Business

a. JMN/Fire District Lawsuit: A. Tanner read a statement that he prepared and commented that he has a responsibility to all taxpayers. J. Voccio made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to further discuss the lawsuit; L. Brodeur seconded; and the motion was passed. J. Voccio discussed the importance of having insurance, a Town meeting, and the process and steps that need to be followed, etc.

6. Review Single Family Dwellings Report: The report was acknowledged by the Board.

7. Discussion on Financials: L. Brodeur had a question about the assistant assessor's wages, which is overbudget because the position was switched from full-time to part-time. L. Brodeur also questioned why the Fire Marshall is overbudget on overtime, and A. Tanner will check on this. He also questioned why there was an encumbrance on Rukstela Road building repairs of \$4,000.00, and A. Tanner will check on this as well.

8. Approve Bills:

-L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1263 dated November 9, 2023 in the amount of \$14,196.00; J. Voccio seconded and asked if the \$14,000.00 payment was for the gate; and the motion passed.

-L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1264 dated November 9, 2023 in the amount of \$61,172.36; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

-L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1265 dated November 9, 2023 in the amount of \$292.91; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

-L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1267 dated November 9, 2023 in the amount of \$82.66; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

-A. Tanner made a motion to approve Voucher #1272 dated November 9, 2023 in the amount of \$1,645.83; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

9. Other Business: J. Voccio stated that the Housing Authority has received correspondence from Habitat for Humanity looking for suitable sites to purchase or acquire either land or homes in need of renovations to house homeowners that are looking to employ some sweat equity to help build their own home and the Board briefly discussed this. A. Tanner mentioned that Saturday, November 11, 2023, was the Veterans Day Ceremony at the monument, as was the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Woodstock Town Hall.

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2. Galliehue Blevins, 58 Church Street, Brooklyn, in person;
3. Matt Noren, 21 Church Street, Brooklyn, in person;
4. Richard Pothier, Brevin Properties, 9 South Main Street, Brooklyn, in person;
5. Carrie Barna, 376 Stetson Road, Brooklyn, in person;
6. Kathy Williamson, ? Brooklyn, in person;
7. Jenn Nemeth, 131 Day Street, Brooklyn, in person;
8. Jean Pothier, Shear Reflections, 9 South Main Street, Brooklyn, in person;
9. Carrie Juhasz, 38 Day Street, Brooklyn, online;
10. Ryan Graham, Alexandria, Virginia, online;
11. Linda Trahan, 26 Maynard Road, Brooklyn, in person;

12. Matt Noren, 21 Church Street, Brooklyn, in person;
13. Kyle Morrissey, 344 Providence Road, Brooklyn, in person;
14. Matt Nemeth, 131 Day Street, Brooklyn, in person.

11. Executive Session: J. Voccio made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session; L. Brodeur seconded; and the Board went into Executive Session at 8:03 pm with Sandy Brodeur, Ray Preece, and Lisa Mileski present. L. Brodeur made a motion to come out of Executive Session; J. Voccio seconded; and the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:44 pm.

11. Adjourn: J. Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting; L. Brodeur seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary