



**TOWN OF BROOKLYN**  
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Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 27, 2023, 4:00 pm  
Community Center and via Zoom

**Present:** Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary  
**Also Present:** Sandy Brodeur, Thomas Rukstela, Ken Dykstra, William Skene, Other Members of the Public, Dave Lee via Zoom, Debbie Cornman via Zoom, Jim Doherty via Zoom, Sharon Loughlin via Zoom  
**Absent:**

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2023:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2023; J. Voccio seconded; and the minutes were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments: James Paquin, Inland Wetlands, 9/12/23; Adam Tucker, Inland Wetlands, 9/1/23; Board of Fire Commissioners, East Brooklyn Appointment:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint James Paquin (term expires: 9/12/26) and Adam Tucker (term expires: 9/1/26) to the Inland Wetlands Commission; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed. A. Tanner produced a letter from W. Skene with the names of William Wheaton, Jr. and Matthew Alexander for consideration for the position of representing the East Brooklyn Fire Department on the Board of Fire Commissioners. J. Voccio made a motion to appoint M. Alexander as the East Brooklyn representative to the Board of Fire Commissioners with a term to expire on 12/2/23; L. Brodeur seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Little Dipper Farm:** A. Tanner stated that he was approached by an attorney regarding Little Dipper, which wants to put some of their land into the Wyndham Land Trust and wanted to know if the Town would be interested in participating in that. The Board discussed this and said more information is needed, so A. Tanner will tell them if they come up with something, the Board would be willing to discuss.
  - b. **ARPA:** A. Tanner stated that he feels we should have an ARPA Committee meeting before the upcoming Steap Grant so they can discuss their strategy for funding some of the projects, including the ambulance, South Street park, tennis courts and also because the Steap Grant is coming up. including the ambulance, South Street park, tennis courts, etc. He said we could discuss how much we have left and how we might want to allocate it.
6. **Old Business**
  - a. **Steap Grant:** The Board discussed the Steap Grant and pursuing the sidewalks in Brooklyn Center and West Wauregan, the playscape, etc.
  - b. **Prince Hill Bathrooms:** A. Tanner stated that the upgrades to Prince Hill bathrooms are coming along.
  - c. **WPCA:** A. Tanner stated that there will be a 100% rate increase, and that the first bills will show a 50% increase, and then we will have until October 1<sup>st</sup> to see if we

can find any alternative funding to help out; if not, supplemental bills for the remaining balance will be sent.

**d. Green Building:** A. Tanner stated that the renovations at the Green Building are moving along, and we should be able to resume meetings there by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**e. Beta Group:** A. Tanner stated they are supposed to meet with them very shortly.

**f. Truck for Highway Dept.:** The Board decided that the Highway Department should proceed with purchasing the 2022 Ford F450 from Columbia Ford for \$58,785.00.

**7. Discussion on Financials:** The Board briefly discussed the financials. A. Tanner will check with S. Cates on why the line item Fringe Benefit Health and Dental was budgeted \$382,000.00 and we spent \$498,000.00.

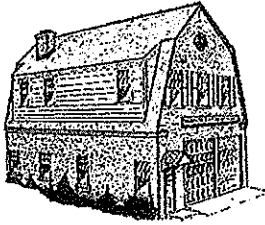
**8. Approve Bills:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1643, dated 6/30/23, in the amount of \$208,936.43; J. Voccio seconded; motion approved. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1644, dated 6/30/23, in the amount of \$506.85; J. Voccio seconded; motion approved. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1056, dated 7/27/23, in the amount of \$380,900.00; J. Voccio seconded; motion approved. J. Voccio seconded; motion approved. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1057, dated 7/27/23, in the amount of \$4,564.00; J. Voccio seconded; motion approved. J. Voccio seconded; motion approved. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1053, dated 7/27/23, in the amount of \$455,610.15; J. Voccio seconded; motion approved. L. Brodeur made a motion to approve Voucher #1015, dated 7/27/23, in the amount of \$40.00; J. Voccio seconded; motion approved.

**9. Other Business:** Line item removed as it is a special meeting.

**10. Public Comment:** S. Brodeur asked about the vouchers being late because the Finance Department is short-staffed and A. Tanner stated that D. DiBenedetto moved up to be the School Finance Director, so there are only two in the office instead of three. He also said it is the plan that as of August 16, 2023, the Town will be off the State Oversight

**11. Adjourn:** L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting; J. Voccio seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary



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## **EAST BROOKLYN FIRE DEPT.**

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Austin Tanner  
First Selectman  
Town Of Brooklyn  
Brooklyn, Connecticut

As requested, I am submitting two names for the Board of Selectman to consider for the position of representing the East Brooklyn, Fire Department on the Board of Fire Commissioners.

William Wheaton  
Mathew Alexander

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

William R. Skene  
Chief, East Brooklyn Fire Department