

## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 27, 2021 9:00am via Cisco Webex Meetings

Present: Rick Ives, Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secreta Also Present: Sandy Brodeur

- Call to Order: Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
- Approve Minutes: Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 5.
   Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3. Public Comment: None
- 4. **Discussion on 2020-21 Budget:** Only change is Recreation had a mower break down that needs repairs.
- 5. Paving Update: Anderson Rd, Fairgrounds Rd, & Harris Ave: Discussion held with item #6.
- 6. Chip Seal Update: Windham Rd, Bailey Woods, & Spaulding Rd.
  \$665,000 is available to use from TAR and LOCIP funds will be available as well, there is
  \$125,000 in the highway department that can be used for these projects. Tommy is working on a road matrix. Currently, we are trying to catch up on dirt roads.
- 7. Discussion on Putnam Tech Park: Rick presented a document to the board to review. This would get out the project and have the money invested returned. The funds, \$50,000, can be used in the budget or put into the reserve. It will have to go to the Board of Finance. Pomfret and Putnam have already signed.
- 8. Update on 2021-22 Budget: The only change made was for the old garage roof repair in the amount of \$7,000. A quote was received in the amount of \$55,000 to fix it instead of patching. Discussion held on using the money returned from the Tech Park to fund it.
- 9. Discussion on Paradise Rd Paving LOCIP status: This project is in process. Will update further at the next meeting.
- **10. Recap on Capital Budget:** The interest reduced when the highway roof project was removed. This did not change the overall budget because you do not pay interest or principal in the first year.

- 11. Recap on 2020-21 Budget Hearing & Meeting Schedule: Budget hearing is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Annual Town Meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. They both will be hybrid meetings which will allow public attendance and a virtual meeting.
- 12. Single Family Dwellings: No discussion
- 13. Approve Bills: Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1245 dated 5/27/21 in the amount of \$40,343.01. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. King & King bill was over quote because he put in 200 extra hours. Peter Alter bills are high because he is being called excessively from in house. Rick will discuss with the department. There are also three active litigations. There were four break-away basketball rims bought at \$200 apiece. Rick did not get the information on truck 19, will have for next meeting. Austin states it would be a lot easier if the bills were attached for review. Motion passed 3-0.

## 14. Other Business:

ACCESS will have a mobile food pantry that will mostly be in East Brooklyn.

There still have been no final rules of how the rescue funds can be used. Brooklyn will be receiving \$800,000. More to follow when release. Rick would like to set up a committee in July to discuss how it will be used. This will include the Selectmen and a couple other people to be determined.

Lou Brodeur made a motion to add the capital resolution to the agenda. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve the resolution recommending an appropriation of \$1,206,294 and a bond authorization of \$1,065,000 for the 2021-2022 capital funding program. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve the resolution to approve 2021-2022 capital funding program resolution for the annual town meeting. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Lou Brodeur made a motion to hold the annual town meeting on June 21, 2021, beginning at 7:00pm at the Brooklyn Middle School and virtually. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**15. Public Comment:** Sandy Brodeur inquires on the status of the purchasing procedure? Rick states it is still being worked on, it will become a priority after the budget passes. The employee handbook will be a priority then as well.

There will be a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00pm at the monuments across from Mortlake. The parade is not being held this year again due to COVID.

The Library Association would like to do something for Catherine Tucker upon her retirement. Rick will report more when planned.

**16. Adjourn:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Austin Tanner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Respectfully Submitted;

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Melissa J. Bradley

Recording Secretary