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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 24, 2022
4:00pm via Zoom &
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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2022 FEB 28 PM 3:09
TOWN OF BROOKLYN
CLIFFORD B. GREEN MEMORIAL CENTER

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur, Gil Maiato, Leah Schad and Zachary Credit

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting order at 4:03pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/10/22 as presented. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

3. **Public Comment:** None

L. Brodeur made a motion to add the appointment of Stephanie Bellows to item #5 and add Leah Schad to #3A. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

3a. Leah Schad, NE Probate Court Judge, has been visiting different Towns discussing the upcoming fiscal budget and talking about a new program. There will be a Community Outreach Event in Brooklyn at the Quinebaug Valley Senior Center next month. Court staff will be available to assist with court matters, help fill out forms, provide information on local resources and answer questions about the Probate system. More information will be provided as the event gets closer.

4. **Executive Session: Discussion on Land Sale; Map 41 Lot 19:** L. Brodeur made a motion to go into executive session at 4:13pm to discuss the possible land sale; map 41, lot 19. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Zachary Credit and Melissa Bradley were invited into executive session. Motion passed 3-0.
L. Brodeur made a motion to close executive session at 4:30pm. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
J. Voccio made a motion to table this item for further discussion in the future. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **Appointments/Resignations**

- **Municipal Agent for the Elderly: Resignation from Tammy Harris:** L. Brodeur made a motion to accept the resignation of Tammy Harris as the municipal agent for the elderly,

with regret. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Ms. Harris has been in this position for many years and has done a great job. She has offered to help with the transition. J. Voccio states the name of the road into the Senior Center, named after her, will be kept. Motion passed 3-0.

- **Ethics Board: Martin Weiner did not accept reappointment; New appointment: Tracey Nolan, regular member, term expiring 6/26/2025:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Tracey Nolan as a regular member to Ethics with a term expiring 6/26/2025 and appoint Stephanie Bellows as a regular member with a term expiring 6/26/2024. J. Voccio seconded the motion for discussion. J. Voccio questions if there is training available to these new members and the other new members recently appointed? A. Tanner states he found a webinar from the State Ethics website he would like all the members to see. This will be set up at the next meeting scheduled for Ethics. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Planning & Zoning: Appoint Sara Deshaies as an alternate member, term expiring 10/01/2023; Appoint Lisa Herring as an alternate member, term expiring 10/01/2024:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Sara Deshaies as an alternate member to Planning & Zoning with a term expiring 10/1/2023. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Lisa Herring to Planning & Zoning as an alternate member with a term expiring 10/1/2024. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals: Appoint Ryan Cheverie as an alternate member, term expiring 6/24/2026:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Ryan Cheverie as an alternate member to Zoning Board of Appeals. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Housing Authority: Appoint Lisa Arends as a citizen member, term expiring 3/31/2025:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Lisa Arends as a citizen member to the Housing Authority term expiring 3/31/2025. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

6. **Discussion/Action on 4th Quarter Pension Review Recommendations from Hooker & Holcombe:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the recommendation made by Hooker & Holcombe regarding the pension fund as previously approved by the Board of Finance. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Recommendation: to add 2% in the Parametric Commodity Strategy Fund and reduce Invesco Corporate Bond by 2%. Motion passed 3-0.

7. **Discussion on Financials:** No discussion.

8. **Discussion on Budget Dates:** Three dates scheduled; March 3, 10 & 24 at 8:00am.

9. **Discussion on Finance Office Staff:** A. Tanner spoke with Patricia Buell regarding the finance office; no decisions were made but it looks like the office needs more staff. L. Brodeur feels we should hire a certified finance director, the current one is not certified. A. Tanner explains the Town pays for .4 of the director's salary and one full time staff. Ms. Buell feels the office staff is divided equally so the Town should pay 1.5 and the school 1.5. A. Tanner expressed his lack of confidence in the ability of the present director as far as the Town goes. Hiring someone while she is learning the job may be a solution and then back off as she is more experienced. She does

not have time to finish things because she is still learning them. J. Voccio is in favor of the structure we have and is more professional, a rebalance of the workload is needed.

10. **Discussion on Pat Boyd Correspondence:** Mr. Boyd sent the board a letter stating his availability and how to reach him. No discussion held.
11. **Discussion on Purchasing Ordinance:** This was sent to the attorney last Thursday but there has been no response yet.
12. **Calls for Service:** No discussion
13. **Approve Bills:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1387 dated 2/24/22 in the amount of \$104,924.94. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
14. **Other Business:** J. Voccio asked if there was an update on the Route 205 discussion at the last meeting? It was suggested for white lines down the side, but the road is not wide enough. No other updates at this time.
15. **Public Comment:** Gil Maiato states Earth Day is on Friday, 4/22, the event would be 4/23. It is explained the Town chooses the event date based on Little League opening day. Opening day has not been determined yet. He also asked if coffee and donuts could be purchased for the volunteers? Beverages and snacks are always provided for the event. Mortlake is going to clean up Allen Hill for the event and would like to have a recruitment day at the transfer station.

Sandy Brodeur states Allen Hill needs better reflective paint, what is being used now doesn't last a month.

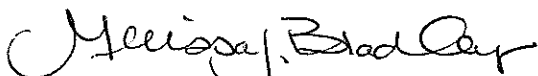
Gil Maiato states the Resident Trooper needs to be more visible in Town.

The sign for the Transfer Station is not completed yet, Gagnon Sign is working on it.

The RFP for the scale at the Transfer Station has gone out and due 3/15.

16. **Adjourn:** L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary