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TO: Austin Tanner First Selectman – Town of Brooklyn
Michael Podzalne Chairman, Board of Fire Commissioners – Town of Brooklyn
Nick Provost President - East Brooklyn Fire District
William Skene Fire Chief - East Brooklyn Fire Department

DATE: September 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Dissolving of the (East) Brooklyn Fire District

At the request of several of you, I engaged the Office of Legislative Research (OLR) and legislative attorneys outlining the process to dissolve the East Brooklyn Fire District.

information was found in the records regarding the following fire districts which have existed in Brooklyn, Connecticut: “Brooklyn Fire District,” “Brooklyn Center Fire District,” and “Paradise Lake District.” The first one, Brooklyn Fire District, is likely the East Brooklyn Fire District as it appears to be the only fire district [still operating](#) and collecting revenue in the town.

The Brooklyn Fire District was established by as special act of the legislature in 1899—the legislation creating it is attached to this email.

the merger (consolidation) of a fire district with the host town can be accomplished by a special act of the legislature, at the impacted district’s and town’s request. (The legislature, upon a district’s request, could also dissolve a district in a manner that does not merge it with the town, but provides for the disposition of its assets and liabilities in another manner.) Alternatively, consolidation of a district into the town can be accomplished by following the statutory process outlined in [CGS § 7-195 et seq.](#) The aforementioned OLR Report provides details on the processes. That report is attached to this email.

The legislature goes into session the first week of February in 2024. I am willing introduce a bill to dissolve the Fire District at your request with an affirmative directing vote of the Board of Selectman, Board of Fire Commissioners and the Board of Directors of the Fire District. Alternatively, the Town and the residents of the Fire District can choose to go down the other path following CGS 7-195. Let me know how you would like to move forward.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance or if additional information is required. My one editorial note is that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Brooklyn that the lawsuit be resolved so the focus can shift back to solely to Public Safety and long-term sustainability of the Fire Service/EMS in our region.

Thank you for your continued service to the Community!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Boyd', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pat Boyd