



# TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 28, 2022  
4:00pm via Zoom &  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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2022 AUG -2 PM 4:54  
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Melissa Bradley, Clerk  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

**Also Present:** Sandy Brodeur, Jeff Otto, Stan Karro and Sharon Loughlin

- 1. Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
- 2. Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/30/22; 7/14/22; 7/20/22 as presented. A. Tanner seconded the motion. J. Voccio was not present for all three meetings. Motion passed 2-1 abstain (J. Voccio).
- 3. Public Comment:** Stan Karro questions if the newsletter will continue? A. Tanner states they did not have much participation for the last issue. More boards and departments need to get involved. A. Tanner will discuss with the newsletter committee to proceed.
- 4. Appointments:** A. Tanner made a motion to appoint Brian Simmons to Planning & Zoning as an alternate member with of term expiring 10/01/2023. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 5. Discussion with Jeff Otto regarding the Cemetery:** J. Otto gives the history of the South cemetery from the time it was established. At one time, it was maintained by the Town and was transferred to the association around 1938. A future discussion will be held for the Town to take back over.  
The current net assets are \$350,000, of which \$189,000 is perpetual care that cannot be spent. \$4,927 in expenses were incurred last year. The Town budgeted \$5,000 for the association. J. Otto mentions the records are a mess and would like to survey the cemetery and have the records digitalized.
- 6. Discussion on Financials:** Minimal activity, no discussion.
- 7. Discussion on Community Center sale to the Town:** A contract was signed previously that the Town would take over care of the building. It was offered to the Town to buy for \$1 but nothing

ever happened. A. Tanner will research more and report at the next meeting.

8. **Discussion on Resident Trooper satellite office at the school:** A. Tanner has spoken with the Resident Trooper and agrees to have a satellite office at the school. He will still use his office at the Town Hall as well.
9. **Discussion on Land Sale:** A resident would like to purchase a piece of land the Town owns at the corner of Paradise Drive and Short Street. A. Tanner will get more information.
10. **Discussion on Opt out PA 21-29:** As discussed at a previous meeting, the P&Z commission has recommended we opt of 3,5, and 6 of PA 21-29. J. Voccio made a motion that the Board of Selectmen after reviewing the notices published by the Brooklyn Planning and Zoning commission and their affirmative vote that we continue to opt out of sections 3, 5, and 6 of PA 21-29. A. Tanner seconded the motion. P&Z motion attached. Motion passed 3-0.
11. **Discussion on Town Hall painting:** The painter is stating the gutters need to be replaced on the Town Hall, and if they are not, he cannot guarantee/warranty his paint job. A. Tanner believes this will be under \$5,000 and will receive written quotes. The painter has given a quote of \$4,200-\$4,700.
12. **Discussion on CIF Grant:** All the paperwork was submitted before the deadline and a confirmation was received.  
There is a STEAP grant available, and a resolution is needed to apply. It was determined that we did not renew our STEAP grant status in order to apply for the Urban Act Community grant that did the sidewalks to Wal Mart. A. Tanner will look into this further and report at the next meeting. A special meeting may be needed to meet the deadline.
13. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion
14. **Calls for Service:** No discussion
15. **Approve Bills:** L. Brodeur made a motion to pay 2021/22 bill voucher #1586 dated 6/30/22 in the amount of \$300,947.75. A. Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.  
L. Brodeur made a motion to pay 2022/23 bill voucher #1051 dated 7/28/22 in the amount of \$269,468.33. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
16. **Other Business:** The fire truck will be done in the middle of August, ahead of schedule and under the budgeted price.  
The highway department has 40 gallons of paint for road lines and can not get more.  
The curbing at Classic Pizza will be fixed.  
Audrey Lussier was scheduled for a bus trip but was ill and unable to go and refunded. The Town sends best wishes to her.  
Tom found a truck for the highway department that is in the budgeted amount, but the plow will be over budget. There are funds left from his truck that could cover the cost. This will go to

the Board of Finance.

The windows at the Health Department are done. They are asking now if the rug is going to be replaced? A. Tanner is not aware of the rug being replaced. He will investigate this.

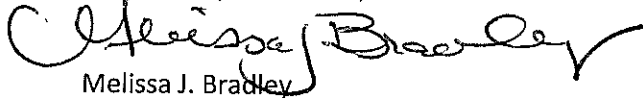
Shelley Cates accepted the Finance Director position which leaves an opening for a financial assistant. This has been advertised.

There have been 14 applications received for the Recreation Director position thus far.

**17. Public Comment:** S. Brodeur recalls when the rug in the hallway of the Clifford Green building was cleaned and came out excellent; perhaps try that first on the rug at the Health Department?

**18. Adjourn:** L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa J. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa J. Bradley  
Recording Secretary