



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Google Meet

Present: Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Ray Preece, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary
Also Present: Lisa Burbank, Wendy Harrington, Deneen Azzolino, Shelley Cates, Sandy Brodeur, Lou Brodeur, Matt Alexander
Via Google Meet: Heather Allen, Matt Allen, Carrie Barna, Christa Haveles, Richard Hawes, Carrie Juhasz, Sharon Loughlin, Matt Nemeth, Mike Podzalne, Cynthia Rushworth, Linda Trahan, Ciaran Wilcox

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2024: R. Preece made a motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2024; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was passed.
3. Public Comment: C. Juhasz, 38 Day Street, Brooklyn, made public comment about the year on the date being incorrect on the Agenda (says 2025, should be 2024).
4. Appointments: None
5. New Business
 - a. Town Forum: There was a good turnout for the Town Forum which was held on April 22, 2024; there were not a lot of questions.
 - b. Library Presentation: Lisa Burbank, Wendy Harrington, and Deneen Azzolino from the Brooklyn Public Library were present and spoke about the Town being willing to take over control of the library as a library commission, about putting a new facility on Town owned land, or adding an addition to the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center, etc.
6. Old Business
 - a. Day Street update: A. Tanner said they were up there the other day and were cutting the trees so they could move the power lines. The Town put out an RFQ and there will be site walk on May 7, 2024.
 - b. OSHA Telephone Conference: A. Tanner said OSHA reduced our fine from \$7,150.00 to \$2,860.00 and that we still have training to do.
 - c. Memorial Day Parade – next meeting May 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm: A. Tanner mentioned that the next meeting for the Memorial Day Parade Committee is May 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm.
7. Discussion on Financials: None
8. Approve Bills:
 - R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1544, dated April 25, 2024, in the amount of \$13,325.30; J. Voccio seconded; and after discussion, the motion passed.
 - R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1545, dated April 25, 2024, in the amount of \$640.60; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.
 - R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1546, dated April 25, 2024, in the amount of \$1,371.23; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.
 - R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1547, dated April 25, 2024, in the amount of \$69,380.57; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

-R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1548, dated April 25, 2024, in the amount of \$368.03; J. Voccio seconded; and after some discussion, the motion passed.

-R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1549, dated April 25, 2024, in the amount of \$450.00; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

9. Public Comment: J. Voccio made a motion to add Public Comment before Other Business; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed. S. Brodeur, 63 Creamery Brooklyn, said that with respect Mortlake Fire Department, the Town's choices are to help them stay open or find another ambulance service; that they cannot keep providing ambulances services with the funds they make on fundraising, etc.; S. Cates mentioned that the Council of Small Towns is fighting an issue in the legislation about ambulance reimbursement rates that is allowing paramedic services and ambulance providers to recover the costs one hundred percent of state rates, etc

10. Other Business: A. Tanner mentioned the Town wide yard sale is May 11, 2024 and that the generator is supposed to be here on May 6, 2024 to hook up to the Senior Center. J. Voccio discussed concerns he had from the Board of Finance meeting on Tuesday night regarding the fire departments. The Board then discussed the budget at length.

11. Public Comment: S. Brodeur commented regarding the Housing Authority need funds, etc. and the Community Center still needing some repairs and updates; C. Barna, 367 Stetson Road, Brooklyn, mentioned hiring a grant writer, etc.; M. Alexander, 3A Middle Street, Brooklyn, suggested buying a fuel tank and a pump for the ambulances, town vehicles, etc.

12. Adjourn: R. Preece made a motion to adjourn; J. Voccio seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary