



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

AUGUST 1, 2013


The Electors and Citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Brooklyn, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a Town Meeting of said Town will be held at the Brooklyn Middle School, Gorman Road, Brooklyn, Connecticut on the 1st day of August, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.
2. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote upon the proposed ordinance amending the planning and zoning commission ordinance. A copy of said ordinance is on file in the Office of the First Selectman and available for public inspection during normal business hours.
3. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote upon a proposed amendment to ordinance regarding procedures and fines for zoning and wetlands violations. A copy of said ordinance is on file in the Office of the First Selectman and available for public inspection during normal business hours.
4. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote upon a proposed ordinance requiring town meeting approval of agreements, contracts or lease of town owned property. A copy of said ordinance is on file in the Office of the First Selectman and available for public inspection during normal business hours.
5. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote upon an ordinance regarding tax exemption for certain motor vehicles. A copy of said ordinance is on file in the Office of the First Selectman and available for public inspection during normal business hours.
6. To determine the wishes of those present and eligible to vote upon a proposed ordinance providing for the summary publication of adopted ordinances. A copy of said ordinance is on file in the Office of the First Selectman and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Dated at Brooklyn, Connecticut, this 25th day of July, 2013.

TOWN OF BROOKLYN


Austin Tanner


Robert J. Kelleher

Andrew Dionne
Its Board of Selectmen

ATTEST:

Leona A. Mainville,
Town Clerk



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RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on **Thursday, July 25, 2013**, I left a duplicate of the attached warning and notice of a Town Meeting of the Town of Brooklyn, Connecticut, with Leona A. Mainville, its Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in the Norwich Bulletin, a newspaper having a substantial circulation in said Town, on **Saturday, July 27, 2013**.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on **Thursday, July 25, 2013**, I caused to be set upon the signpost or other exterior place nearest the office of the Town Clerk and at all other places and signposts designated by the Town a written copy of said warning and notice signed by the Selectmen.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said meeting on **Thursday, July 25, 2013**.

Austin Tanner

Austin Tanner
First Selectman
Town of Brooklyn

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF BROOKLYN:

An Ordinance Amending the Creation of a Planning and Zoning Commission which was approved on August 21, 1970 (Ordinance 2-16) shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-16-.2 of the Ordinance shall be amended to read as follows:

2-16.2 Members; Qualifications.

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Brooklyn shall consist of eight (8) members, who shall be Electors of the Town holding no salaried municipal office with all the powers and duties specified in Chapters 124 and 126 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, (Revision of 1958) as amended. The First Selectman of the Town of Brooklyn shall also be a member of said Commission, but without voting privileges. There shall also be three (3) alternate members. No member or alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission may be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Section 2.16.3 of the Ordinance shall be amended to read as follows:

2-16.3 Appointment of Members.

Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be chosen as follows:

a. Appointment to fill vacancies due to expiration of terms of members shall be made by the Selectmen during the month of December of each year and the appointments shall be arranged so that the terms of not more than three (3) members expire in any one year. Appointments shall be for the term of four (4) years from the January 1st next following. Any vacancies on the Commission due to death, resignation, or expulsion shall be filled by vote of the members of the Commission for the unexpired portion of any such term.

b. Alternate members shall be appointed by the Selectmen for a term of four (4) years. Any vacancies which may occur among the alternate members shall be filled by the Selectmen for the unexpired portion of any such term. In filling such vacancies, the Selectmen and/or Commission must follow the minority representation rule as determined under Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 9-167a.

All of the remaining provisions of Ordinance 2-16 not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect. The existing members of the Commission shall continue to serve for the remainder of their respective terms except that the terms of Donald Francis and David Fuss, which expire on 01/01/2018, shall be modified to provide that both terms shall expire on 01/01/2016, and the term of Derek Wesolowski, which now expires on 01/01/2014, shall be modified to provide that his term shall be extended until 01/01/2017.

This amendment shall become effective fifteen days following publication of its approval thereof in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Brooklyn.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITATION PROCEDURES AND FINES FOR ZONING
AND WETLANDS VIOLATIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF BROOKLYN:

An Ordinance regarding Citation Procedures and Fines for Zoning and Wetlands Violations (Ordinance 20-2) shall be amended as follows:

Section 20-2.1 of the ordinance shall be amended to read as follows:

20-2.1 Issuance of Citations; Schedule of Fines.

The Brooklyn Land Use Officer is authorized to issue citations for violations of the Zoning Regulations and the Wetlands Regulations of the Town of Brooklyn to the extent and manner provided by this section and the Connecticut General Statutes 7-152c. Any such citation may be served either by hand or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person named in such citation. If the person(s) named in the citation sent by certified mail refuses to accept such mail, the citation may be sent by regular United States mail. The Land Use Officer shall file and retain an original or certified copy of the citation, as served.

a. Citations may be issued for those types of zoning and wetlands violations specified in paragraph b. below.

b. The fine for each citation shall be in accordance with this schedule:

ZONING REGULATIONS

Nature of Violation	Amount of Fine
Construction of any building without Zoning approval	\$150.00
Alteration of any building without Zoning approval	\$100.00
Conduction an unauthorized use	\$150.00
Illegal Sign	\$100.00
Building beyond foundation without prior Foundation as-built or erosion control approval	\$150.00
Failure to comply with an approved Site Plan, Special Permit, Subdivision or Re-subdivision including any conditions of approval	\$150.00

Any other violation of the Zoning Regulations \$100.00

INLAND WETLAND REGULATIONS

For each violation \$1,000.00

*In the case of a continuing violation, each day's continuation of the violation shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation.

All of the provisions of Ordinance 20-2 not modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment shall become effective fifteen days following publication of its approval thereof in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Brooklyn.

**ORDINANCE REQUIRING TOWN MEETING APPROVAL
OF AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS OR LEASE OF
TOWN OWNED PROPERTY**

Town Meeting approval shall be required before the Town of Brooklyn enters into any agreement, contract or lease of any town owned property or equipment with the value exceeding Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days following publication of its approval thereof in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Brooklyn.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES

1. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 12-81c, the following three types of vehicles shall be exempt from local taxation:
 - a. ambulance-type motor vehicles used exclusively for the purpose of transporting any medically incapacitated individual (except any such vehicle used to transport any such individual for profit);
 - b. any property owned by a nonprofit ambulance company; and
 - c. any motor vehicle owned by a person with disabilities, or owned by the parent or guardian of such a person, which vehicle is equipped for purposes of adapting its use to the disability of such person, shall be exempt from local taxation.
2. For the purpose of this ordinance, an "ambulance-type motor vehicle used exclusively for the purpose of transporting any medically incapacitated individual" is defined as a motor vehicle specifically designed to carry patients and typically operated by a person possessing certification from the office of Emergency Medical Services.
3. For the purpose of this ordinance, a "motor vehicle...equipped for the purpose of adapting its use to a disability" is defined as a vehicle modified from stock specifications by the addition of hydraulic lifts, specialized steering or braking apparatus, or similar alterations, solely for the purpose of equipping said vehicle to adapt its use to the disability of either owner or the owner's child, or the owner's ward.
4. Any person wishing to claim an exemption pursuant to this ordinance shall make an application for said exemption to the town's assessor on a form prescribed by the assessor, and shall supply to the assessor such proof as is necessary to establish the compliance of the vehicle with the intent of this ordinance. Such proof may include but not be limited to:
 - a. Photo(s) of the vehicle showing the modification;
 - b. Copy of the invoice showing modifications made to the vehicle;
 - c. A valid special license plate for the disabled issued by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - d. A removable windshield placard for the disabled;
 - e. A letter from a physician, no older than three years, which attests to the applicant's need for a specially manufactured motor vehicle or a modified motor vehicle due to that person's medical condition; or
 - f. A letter from a physician, no older than three years, which attests that the spouse, ward, or child of the applicant needs a specially manufactured motor vehicle or a modified motor vehicle due to that person's medical condition.
5. Anyone applying for the tax exemption shall file the application with the tax assessor annually in accordance with this ordinance no later than November 1 following the assessment date with respect to which such exemption is claimed. For vehicles purchased or modified on or after October 2 and on or before July 31

of the assessment year for which such exemption is requested, the application shall be filed not later than thirty (30) days following the purchase.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
THE SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ADOPTED ORDINANCES**

Pursuant to the provisions of §7-157(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, any ordinance enacted by the Town of Brooklyn legislative body shall be published within ten (10) days in summary form in a newspaper having a general circulation in the town. Each summary shall bear a disclaimer as follows. "This document is prepared for the benefit of the public, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation. This document does not represent the intent of the legislative body of the Town of Brooklyn for any purpose."

The Town Clerk shall make a copy of such ordinance available for public inspection and shall, upon request, mail a copy of the ordinance to any person requesting a copy at no charge to such person. Every ordinance, unless specifying a later date, shall become effective on the 15th day after such publication following passage of the ordinance. Any ordinance making or requiring an appropriation of funds must be published in full.