Town of Brooklyn Special Town Meeting Minutes January 30, 2024 7pm Brooklyn Middle School Auditorium

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Kate Bisson, at 7:02pm

Item #1: Heather Allen nominated David Lee to serve as moderator, seconded by Ray Preece. There were no other nominations. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Item #2: A motion to sell a piece of land located on Tripp Hollow Road and Windham Road, Map 7 Lot 19, was made by First Selectman Austin Tanner and seconded by Heather Allen. Mr. Tanner discussed the landlocked parcel that the Town received in a tax sale. Someone approached the Town to purchase the piece and when the abutters were notified, another interested party offered more money. Kevin Murphy, representing 305 Tripps Hollow Rd LLC (the buyer), spoke about the desire to add the land to their existing piece and have no plans to develop the property. Joe Voccio asked what the terms of the sale are. Mr. Tanner explained that the sale price is \$7,000 and will be deeded by a Quit Claim deed. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Item #3: A motion to approve the use of LOCIP funds up to \$110,000 to add to the STEAP Grant to complete the generator project at the Clifford B. Green Building was made by Rick Ives, seconded by Joe Voccio. Mr. Tanner explained that while we voted in favor of this request at the annual town meeting, the minutes did not reflect the word LOCIP in reference to the request and asked that we re-vote to make sure it's included in tonight's minutes. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Item #4: A motion was made by Joe Voccio and seconded by Heather Allen to approve the use of LOCIP funds to cover what the insurance did not cover on the Green building renovations. Mr. Tanner explained that while most of the damage from the flooding was covered by insurance, there was asbestos removal and truss repair that was not and around \$40,000 is needed to cover the difference. There is currently around \$360,000 in the LOCIP account. Mike Snyder asked about the bid process. Mr. Tanner explained that if a project is over \$20,000, three bids are needed and this is laid out in the Town's financial procedures. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Item #5: Mr. Tanner explained that after conferring with the Town Attorney on the proposed fire lane ordinance, it was recommended that no action be taken on this item. Mr. Lee advised that a vote to table the item be taken. Aimee Genna made a motion to table item #5, seconded by Joe Voccio. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 was made by Aimee Genna, seconded by Ray Preece. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Bisson, Town Clerk