

Special Meeting of the
Brookfield Selectboard

At 6:30

August 19, 2024

Town Clerk's Office

Present: John Benson, Chair; Stuart Edson, Keith Sprague, Curtis Koren, members of the Board. Laura Rochat was not present. Vicki Blanchard, Administrative Assistant. Kristi Ehlers, Treasurer.

- A. Call to Order – Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- B. 2024-2025 tax rate
 1. Ms. Ehlers reported that 2004- 2005 taxes will be increased as follows: total residential rate up 2.0034 and total non-residential rate to 2.1005. This is primarily due to the higher school budget, which is set by the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union School Board. The Town highway budget was higher as well due to the impact of the major storms we had, but the required December FEMA paperwork has been submitted and should result in a refund soon for around \$100,000. FEMA paperwork for July reimbursements for road work is ongoing and expected to help reduce the Highway Budget. Mr. Edson made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 residential tax rate at 2.0034 and the non-residential tax rate at 2.1005. Ms. Koren seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0
 2. A contract to cover culvert work on Eagle Peak was presented by Mr. Benson and signed by the Board. Mr. Benson also brought a proposal from the Stantec company for engineering services at Parker Road and Halfway Brook Rd. FEMA requests Board verification by 8/25 that design work for these two places is underway so that further work can commence. Board approval of this request will be sent back to Stantec.
 3. FEMA is focused on mitigation work for damaged roads, and Mr. Benson asked Mr. Sprague to have Mr. Higgins see if there are any other areas that need this kind of work to better hold up in case of another storm.

4. The Bear Hill culvert project has been completed and paperwork was signed and sent in to be reimbursed.

Mr. Benson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:14 pm. Ms. Koren seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0.

Mr. Benson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 pm. Mr. Edson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0

C. Adjournment – Mr. Sprague made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm., Ms. Koren seconded the motion and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Blanchard

Administrative Assistant

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