

Town of Brookfield Selectboard Meeting

Monday August 26, 2024

6:30 PM

Brookfield Town Office, 40 Ralph Road, Brookfield, VT

MINUTES

Present: John Benson, Chair; Keith Sprague, Laura Rochat, Curtis Koren, members of the Board. Stuart Edson did not attend. Doug Hood, Nate Schmechel.

- A. Call to Order – Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm
- B. Adjustments to the Agenda – none
- C. Public Comments – Nate Schmechel stopped by to discuss the ongoing Cram Hill road dispute. Mr. Benson told him that while the Board would hear what he had to say, it had been advised by the Town's Attorney, Michael Monte, not to discuss this issue with the parties involved; it should instead be discussed between the respective attorneys for the Town and parties involved. Mr. Schmechel said he has had no response from Brookfield's attorney, and Mr. Benson said Mr. Edson would contact Mr. Monte again.

Doug Hood came to the Board to inquire about progress from FEMA regarding the destruction of his driveway in last year's July storm. Mr. Benson told him that the Board had had a number of conversations with FEMA about his case even though it was not a Municipality issue, but one to be dealt with by FEMA on an individual basis. Mr. Benson advised Mr. Hood to contact FEMA again.

Payroll and AP Warrants – Ms. Koren had not yet gone over Warrants with the Treasurer, so Mr. Benson made a motion authorizing her to sign the warrants on behalf of the Board after reviewing them with the Assistant Treasurer.

- D. Highway Report – Mr. Higgins and Mr. Hamblin have been working on Howe Road with the wheeled excavator. AJ Galfetti finished the Ridge Road project and one spot on Northfield Road. He will finish Northfield

when he receives all the material ordered for the project. He will then move to a project on Eagle Peak. One of the trucks has been worked on and will be back this week. Mr. Hamblin's truck will be worked on next, and we are waiting to hear when the new truck will be in. The new shed has been worked on. Mr. Sprague advised that a number of Town roads need work requiring a wheeled excavator, and made a motion to rent one for an additional month to finish grant and project work. Ms. Koren seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0

- E. New Business – Ms. Rochat went over advertising requirements for the Town Treasurer position as that position will now be appointed by the Selectboard and no longer be an elected one.
- F. Old Business – none
- G. Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2024 and August 19, 2024 – Ms. Rochat made a motion to approve August 12, 2024 minutes, Mr. Benson seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0. Ms. Koren made a motion to approve the August 19, 2024 minutes, Mr. Sprague seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0
- H. Other Proper Business – Public Safety Committee recommendations were tabled until next meeting

Mr. Benson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:57 pm, and Mr. Sprague seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0

Mr. Benson made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 pm, Mr. Koren seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4-0-0

- I. Status Report – none
- J. Adjournment – Ms. Koren made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm, Ms. Rochat 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