

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY JULY 9, 2019 6:00PM  
SENIOR CENTER, 29 FOREST STREET

The meeting was called to order by Dale Kiley at 6:03PM, Jason Petraitis and John Tripp also present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7/2/2019- Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve these minutes as written. So voted.

II. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Fiscal Year 2019:

School Warrant #1064 - \$85,207.40

General Warrant #1065 - \$104,524.80

Payroll Warrant #26A - \$189,347.15

Fiscal Year 2020:

Payroll Warrant #1-\$97,749.86

General Fund Warrant #1000 - \$1,018,733.90

Debt Warrant #1001 - \$422,785.66

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve these warrants. So voted.

III. FINANCIAL ITEMS

A. Transfer Request-Board of Health requests to transfer \$14,276.65 from multiple accounts (attached) to Board of Health Recycling Contracts. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the transfer. So voted.

B. Transfer Request-Board of Selectmen Town Offices request to transfer \$275.00 from Town Offices Expenses to Town Offices Janitors Salary (due to calculation error at November STM for 2% raise). Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve the request. So voted.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Code Red System:

Mr. Kiley explained that the Code Red System will send out alerts to town residents based on their residential (home) phone numbers. Residents can now go on the Town's website and enter additional information such as email address and cell phone number to be alerted.

Mr. Kiley also explained that the authorized users (BoS, Fire, Police) can send out a code to the whole town or just a certain area. There is online training available.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Fire Chief lease for new gear-was not discussed
- B. Fire Chief discussed the need to replace Rescue 1 as it lost power on a call over the weekend. He's going to meet with the Finance committee to discuss a possible lease or purchase. Dale asked if the engine could be replaced but Chief Holway said there's more issues such as rust and it wouldn't be worth the cost. The truck is 23 years old and has done over 5,000 calls. This will eventually have to go to a STM to get voter approval. In the meantime, East Brookfield will be sending help as needed.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Sue Lyons talked about LUCAS and that North Brookfield should have one. She gave handouts about the machine to the BoS, who saw the machine demonstrated about a year ago. It will cost about \$15,000 but Sue is going to work with the company to try to get it at a lower cost. Sue also spoke about the benefits to the town as far as workmen's compensation. EMS workers can and do get injured performing CPR and it can cost the town in workmen's comp claims.
- B. Tricia and Ashley (East Brookfield EMS) said that CPR is extremely hard to continue as they are moving the patient and the team must take breaks every two minutes and switch off. With LUCAS you "set it and forget it."
- C. Fire Chief Holway notified everyone that the BoS approved the use of the siren which will be sounded for severe weather.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Fire Chief Holway was present to hand out Life Savings Awards and pins to several people for their efforts and success in saving the life of Sue Lyons on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Chief Holway explained that the Fire Department, Police, and EMS of course save lives everyday but in a situation like this, Sue was in full cardiac arrest, it's rare to see the person survive longer than 24-48 hours.

North Brookfield EMS director Patrick Kiristy gave a short speech explaining what happened on the day of Sue's emergency. North Brookfield and East Brookfield arrived on scene and were able to start administering CPR within seconds. Mr. Kiristy gave a huge Thank you to all on scene.

Sue Lyons gave a speech thanking her life savers. She explained that morning and that she doesn't remember anything for 48 hours after calling 911. Sue stated that thanks to the training, compassion, and hearts of her rescuers, she is still here today and she thanks them, as well as her friends and family. She also made a point to explain that the machine LUCAS is what saved her life. The machine is strapped to the victim and continues constant compressions. Sue is planning on starting a committee

to get a LUCAS machine for North Brookfield (East Brookfield owns the machine that saved her).

The following people received awards for their life saving efforts, certificates presented by Mr. Kiristy, pins presented by Sue Lyons:

Fire Chief Holway-North Brookfield  
Deputy Chief Darrin Anderson-North Brookfield  
Captain Keith Marshall-North Brookfield  
Captain Don Mailing-North Brookfield  
Fire Fighter Jesse Abate-North Brookfield  
Fire Fighter Kevin Tourtellotte-North Brookfield  
Fire Fighter Lyndon Perkins-North Brookfield  
Fire Fighter Avery Nye – North Brookfield  
Fire Fighter Nate Tillotson-North Brookfield  
EMT Nathan Simonelli-North Brookfield  
EMT Jessica Reese-North Brookfield  
Police Officer Rich Caron-North Brookfield

Fire Chief David Messier (East Brookfield) presented awards to the individuals from East Brookfield  
Paramedic Ashley Marks-East Brookfield  
EMT-Firefighter Patricia (Tricia) Allen-East Brookfield  
Paramedic Joshua McCrillis-East Brookfield  
-Joshua mentioned that he's been in EMS for over 25 years and because of LUCAS he's had 3 cardiac arrests saves in the last year. He said that LUCAS is a great tool!

Fire Chief Holway gave thanks to the Town of North Brookfield, from the administration down to the residents. We all make it possible.

Dale Kiley Thanked Fire Chief Holway and the crews from both North and East Brookfield for their dedication to serving the community. He knows that they do a tremendous amount of work for very little pay.

- B. Jason Petraitis read an announcement about the New Braintree open house on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- C. John Tripp read a letter from Chris Rae at Red Cross. Chief Holway explained that they work with Red Cross to get certain aged houses the right fire prevention. Chief Holway also added he never leaves a house without ensuring the Fire and CO detectors are in good working order.
- D. Jason Petraitis read an announcement about the Council on Aging having a round table discussion on July 12<sup>th</sup> about making North Brookfield Age and Dementia friendly.

Rail Road Business-Dale explained that the Town owns 94% of the stock in the North Brookfield Railroad Co. Since Leslie passed away and she was the only

signer on the account they would like to remove her and add Ashley Earnest as signatory on the bank accounts. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to change signors on the account. So voted.

Town House Business-John Tripp spoke to the Sherriff's office, they will be sending out a crew next week to help with the scraping and painting. Mr. Avery has been helping as well as a young man Mr. Tripp knows. John has been working on the Town House after work from about 5-8:30. The Town House will need more paint than anticipated so we are looking for more monetary donations, as well as people to donate their time and effort with the work. John also mentioned someone is planning on replacing the flag that hangs in the front of the building with a new one when the time comes.

There being no further business, at 6:48PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Earnest  
Interim Administrative Assistant