

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Jason Petraitis, John Tripp, and Brooke Canada were present.

Mr. Petraitis reminded everyone that this Friday is Veteran's Day and thanked the North Brookfield Veterans for their service.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 9/20/22. So voted.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to approve Payroll # 10 for \$327,293.46, Debt # 1023 for \$831,900.00, General # 1024 for \$285,787.13, and School # 1022 for \$81,870.49. So voted.

Old Business: ADA Coordinator-Mr. Petraitis explained the Master Plan needs an ADA Grievance Procedure and since Ashley is in the Selectmen's office the Board wants to appoint her. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to appoint Ashley Barre as ADA Coordinator. So voted.

New Business:

Appoint Assistant Collector: Mr. Petraitis explained that after advertising for a new assistant collector, Amy Moulton was chosen by our collector, Lisa Taylor. Amy said she lives in Oakham and has worked for North Brookfield Savings in many towns. Mr. Petraitis welcomed Amy aboard. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to appoint Amy Moulton to the position of Assistant Collector. So voted.

Set date for Special Town Meeting: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to set the Fall Special Town Meeting date for Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6:30PM in the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium. So voted.

Friends of the Town House name change: Maureen Wesolaski explained that there's been some confusion because there are two committees with the same name, one is a private non-profit, the other is the Town appointed committee. The committee has decided to request to be renamed Town House Committee. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to change the Friends of the Town House Committee to Town House Committee to avoid confusion. So voted.

ARPA Contract: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to sign ARPA Grant contract. So voted. This grant is \$50,000.00 for Town House renovations/design.

Complete Streets Extension: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to sign a letter requesting an extension for the Complete Streets grant program. So voted.

Announcements:

Boot Drive: Mr. Petraitis read a letter announcing there will be a Boot Drive on November 19th.

Public Comment:

Brandon Avery said it's been an eventful year, he complimented everyone on their hard work and listed a few events from the year; May Fest, National Night Out, and 4th of July Celebration. Brandon said this is a great Town and we should get something planned for Memorial Day next year.

Mr. Tripp said he sat in on an NBHelps meeting, they have their ducks in a row, they need money for decorations, they will have a parade and Santa will be at the little park.

Mr. Tripp gave an update on North Brookfield Farms: they now have crispy chicken and will have Boar's Head products soon, they are very busy and he's seen people using the park next to the store.

There being no further business, at 6:21PM Mr. Tripp moved, and Mrs. Canada seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

After the Board adjourned Shiela LeBlanc, Town Accountant, asked to have an emergency meeting/conversation with the Board. She explained the budget is short \$312,000.00. The Board of Selectmen will meet with Shiela and the Finance Committee to discuss.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre