

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 6:03PM on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Dale Kiley and John Tripp present.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to accept the minutes from 4/27 and 4/27 executive session. So voted.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve General warrant # 1002 for \$445,145.39 and Payroll warrant # 3 for \$323,665.31. So voted.

Financial Items: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the NB EMS Holden Funds request for FY 21 in the amount of \$8000.00. So voted. This money was used to repair the ambulance chassis. NB EMS requested \$11,000 from FY 22 Holden Funds but there's a question on the balance and the usage. This item will be tabled until more research is done.

### New Business:

Ballot language-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the language for the Special Election ballot. So voted. **Shall the Town of North Brookfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to acquire the fee and/or other property interests in a certain parcel of property containing 3.71 acres, more or less, located at 63-65 Donovan Road, further identified as Parcels 38-56-63, and 38-56-65, Assessors' Map 38, for general municipal purposes?**

Re-sign Nat Grid Service Agreement: National Grid made a mistake on the amount billed to the MA State Police for installation of a radio tower at 14 Bell Road in NB. They asked we sign the amended agreement. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to sign the amended service agreement. So voted.

Planning Board Appointment: Sue Lyons resigned from the Planning Board; they recommend that James Grace take over Sue's term. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to appoint James Grace to the Planning Board. So voted.

CivicPlus Service Agreement: Short discussion on agreement; CivicPlus hosts our website, we pay yearly and sign a yearly agreement. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to sign the service agreement. So voted.

Library Inventory: Mr. Kiley explained that every department has to turn in an inventory list to the accountant yearly. The library requested to discard four phones and a fax machine. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the library's request to discard the phones and fax machine. So voted.

Town Clerk fee increase: The Town Clerk, Tara Hayes, requested to increase dog licensing fees effective January 1, 2022. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the fee increase. So voted. Fees will be \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs, and \$15 for intact dogs. The Clerk is also looking to increase late fees, this will be a by-law change and need to go to Special Town Meeting.

Playground Committee: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Doe from the Playground Committee. So voted. Joseph Jablonski Jr is interested in serving on the Playground Committee, he was a big help during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to appoint Joseph Jablonski Jr. to the Playground Committee. So voted.

The other members of the Playground Committee, Bernie LaPierre and Salvatore Branciforte were present and discussed some issues at the Common and plans for the future. Mr. Kiley told them that Ron Ryel asked for, and received permission, to pursue funding for a bandstand. Brandon Avery mentioned that there used to be a bandstand on the common.

CMRPC Environmental Certifying Officer: CMRPC needs an Environmental Certifying Officer for the yearly CDBG grants. Ashley Barre was the ECO last year and is willing to serve again this year. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to designate Ashley as the Environmental Certifying Officer. So voted.

Public Comment:

Brandon Avery reminded everyone that the Historical Museum is open Sundays from 10am to 1pm, and by appointment. He's seen a lot of interest lately. North Brookfield has an interesting history on a local and National level. He'd like to see the school get more interested in the history of North Brookfield.

Announcements: Mr. Kiley read a letter from the Town Clerk asking residents to get their dogs licensed.

At 6:28PM Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to enter into executive session for reason #2, Union Negotiations. Roll call: Kiley, yes; Tripp, yes. So voted. Mr. Kiley announced that the Board would exit Executive Session only to adjourn.

At 7:13PM the Board came out of Executive session. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre