

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:03PM at the North Brookfield Police Department on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Dale Kiley, Jason Petraitis, and John Tripp present.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 5/25 and 5/25 executive session. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 6/1, 6/8, 8/17, and 8/25. So voted.

Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Kiley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from 8/3. So voted.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll # 5 for \$285,102.25, Debt # 1007 for \$43,951.48, Gen/Fire Truck # 1008 for \$85,197.89, School #1009 for \$91,028.15, and General # 1010 for \$468,157.64. So voted.

### Financial: Holden Funds Request

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve NB EMS request for \$11,000 from available Holden Hospital Funds to cover costs and expenses related to running the emergency service squad. So voted. Mr. Kiley noted that this item was placed on hold to review the contract and he feels this request is approved in the contract with Holden Hospital.

### Old Business: NB Helps Request for Resources

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to give initial and final approval for NB Helps to run a Tollbooth Fundraiser on September 11 from 10am to 1pm. So voted.

### New Business:

Still Hart's One day liquor license request: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve a one day liquor license to Still Hart's Café for both September 25, and September 26. So voted. Still Hart's will be raising funds on 9/25 11am to 10pm for the Playground, and on 9/26 11am to 8pm for NB Police Association Toys for Joy. They will be using their parking lot with a tent, band, food, and zero tolerance for alcohol leaving the parking lot.

Boat Discussion: NB PD is looking to purchase a boat. There have been funds raised and Chief Smith says there's enough available in Green Gold funds to lease the boat. We will need to set a date for a Special Town Meeting. Mr. Petraitis said they've received about \$6,500 through donations. Mr. Kiley said we should look into putting a refundable deposit on the boat. Ashley will get more information about the lease from Chief Smith to write an article and set a date for the STM. Mr. Kiley believes the cost of the lease will be \$3,600/year.

Census Redistricting: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to sign the Single Precinct Authorization Form stating that North Brookfield wishes to stay one precinct. So voted.

COA Senior Center Director revised job description: Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to approve the revised Senior Center Director job description. So voted. The COA has already approved the job description.

Public Comment:

Joseph Jablonski spoke about the upcoming 20-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Joe is a Veteran and served less than 20 years ago. He said it hasn't been easy for him and other Veterans to watch the news lately. He's asking the public to reach out to Veteran's, and for Veteran's to reach out for resources. Joe wants to together something short and sweet for 9/11. Mr. Kiley thanked Joe for his service and said he appreciates Joe's pride in his service. Mr. Tripp asked if there was anything the Board could do to help. Joe said he can do a lot on his own, he just needs the support of the Town officials. Mr. Tripp said if you need anything the Board is here for him. Brandon Avery suggested putting something on the Town sign with resources for Veterans.

Brandon Avery reminded everyone to vote on September 7<sup>th</sup> in the Special Election.

Announcements:

Mr. Kiley also reminded everyone about the Special Election on September 7<sup>th</sup> to purchase the property where Huck's is located. If the vote passes, we will move the Highway department to Huck's and move Fire to the current Highway barn. The Firehouse will stay headquarters. Mr. Kiley spoke about the rewards/history in the Firehouse and suggested people check it out.

Mr. Tripp read an announcement from the Water Department stating that they'll be flushing from August 24 through September 17.

Rich Kennan was present but wanted to discuss his topic off camera. An executive session will be schedule for 9/14.

There being no further business, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre