

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:02PM on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the North Brookfield Police Department. Jason Petraitis and John Tripp present.

Jason Petraitis opened the meeting by explaining that the Annual Town Report is given out on Election Day but the Board likes to read the dedication beforehand. This year's report was dedicated to John Tripp and Trevor Brusio. Mr. Petraitis read the dedication in the 2021 Annual Town Report.

Approval of Warrants: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the following warrants: Payroll # 22 for \$365,776.63, Payroll # 22A for \$2,530.00, School # 1052 for \$190,651.92 and General # 1053 for \$289,568.73. So voted.

Financial: Board of Health Reserve Fund request: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded a motion to approve a transfer from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Board of Health in the amount of \$9,850.00 to purchase trash bags. So voted. (Finance Committee approved on 4/14/22)

New Business:

Mark Schreiber from Good to Go Racing: Mark introduced himself and his company. He teaches children how to build and restore RC cars and would like to hold races over Memorial Day weekend to raise funds for the Town House. Mark plans on having qualifying races the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend and the final race on Memorial Day. He can raise funds through ticket sales, gifts from sponsors, and food sales. Mark also uses his RC Car business to teach math, which gives children confidence. Mark was at the Common recently and many children gathered to race the cars, he took the opportunity to teach some math to calculate speed. Mr. Petraitis said he thought it was a great idea but thought there may be an issue coordinating with the parade. Mark said he plans on having the final race right after the parade while the street is still closed. Mark said the winner of the race could get a substantial prize. Potential funding could be about \$4,600 which would split 50/50 between the Town House and prizes/promotion ect. Mr. Tripp asked about ages, Mark said 8-18 would be eligible, adults can race but wouldn't be able to win a prize. Mr. Tripp asked how it would be done, Mark said he would provide the cars and he has a process for selling tickets. Michelle Petraitis asked about the entry fee, Mark said \$15 is usually standard. Mr. Petraitis said Memorial Day is coming up quick, Mark will get in touch with the Downtown Development Committee, and he has liability insurance. Tina Floria from Playground Committee stated the kids really love the RC cars. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to have Mark proceed with his plan. So voted. Mr. Tripp asked that Mark keep the board updated with progress.

Sue Lyons Donation to North Brookfield EMS: Sue Lyons spoke about an incident on June 19th, 2019 in which she had a massive heart attack known as a "widow maker." She was able to dial 911 and both North and East Brookfield EMS showed up. East Brookfield had a LUCAS machine which does compressions and frees up paramedics. Striker is the maker of the machine; Sue wrote a letter to them thanking them for making the machine that saved her life. Striker invited Sue to come to Kalamazoo, Michigan to meet the people involved with the development. Sue was able to speak to hundreds of employees which was televised and shared across the world in countries such as France, Sweden, India and others. The President of the company gave Sue a brand-new defibrillator to donate. In January 2020 she began work with Anne Gobi's office to decide where the machine should go, but COVID hit to the

donation needed to wait. Sue said over the last 9 months she hasn't been motivated to much for the Town of North Brookfield but did find out that NB EMS needed a defibrillator in their ambulance. Sue said she is pleased to donate it to NB EMS. Patrick Kiritsy from the NB EMS was happy to accept the donation and said he's glad they have it in case it's needed. He thanked Sue for the donation.

One Day Liquor License: Brookfield Orchards requested a "One Day" liquor license for several dates over the Summer, they do this every year. Mr. Petraitis read the list of event dates. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the one-day liquor license request. So voted.

March Fire Report: Mr. Tripp read the March 2022 Fire Report. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

Letter from Treasurer: Anne Jannette asked the Board to sign a letter to remove Anne Jannette from a list of accounts and add the new Treasurer, Allyson Bulger. Anne Janette is retiring and has been training Allyson in her new position since January. Mr. Tripp noted that Anne will stay on to help if and when needed. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to remove Anne, add Allyson, and sign the letter. So voted.

Chapter 90 request: Highway submitted a project request for North Street resurfacing for \$64,295. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve and sign the request. So voted. Mr. Tripp asked if it would be reimbursed through Chapter 90, Mr. Petraitis confirmed it would.

Public Comment:

Brandon Avery Congratulated Mr. Tripp and noted that a lot of value has been added to Town with the work he's done on the Rail Trail and Park on the corner of North Main and School Streets. He also praised Chief Joe Holway and the Town Forest Park crew for the work they've done, especially with the disc golf course. Brandon said there's been a lot more interest in outdoor activities.

Chief Joe Holway said he was planning Pay Night in June. He's got coverage for the Fire Station from another Town. He will be giving out 2 life savings awards and a promotion. He also noted he was awarded a grant for new brush fire helmets, saving the Town a significant amount of money. Joe congratulated Mr. Tripp and thanked him for his help with planning upgrades/renovations to the current Fire house and Highway barn.

Tina Floria said the baseball diamond at the Playground should be just about finished this Saturday and thanked the many people that have come to help. Mr. Tripp thanked Brandon and Dave for fixing the bubbler at the Playground.

Announcements:

Mr. Petraitis read the announcements: Annual Town Election Monday, May 2, 2022 at the Senior Center, 7am to 8pm, Special Town Meeting Friday, May 6 7:00PM, Annual Town Meeting Friday, May 6, 7:30PM, both at the elementary school. Water Main Flushing continues, see Water Dept. Facebook page for more details. The Senior Center is hosting a Volunteer Fair on Wednesday May 18th 9am to 7pm. They are looking for volunteers to do the following: Arts and Crafts, COA Board Members, Education Program Instructor, Friendly Visitor, Games/Activities, Greeter Receptionist, Kitchen/Cook/Serve, Medical Ride Driver, COA Friends Member, Newsletter Committee, Party Setup/Decorations, Special Events. Michelle Petraitis asked about CORI checks for the volunteers. Ashley said Michelle has a CORI

account setup with the state for that but has some questions, Ashley is looking into it. Mark Schreiber from Good to Go racing said he would be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, May 4 from 12-2 demonstrating his RC Cars.

Mr. Tripp Thanked everyone who has helped him with projects throughout Town and thanked Jason Petraitis for writing the dedication.

There being no further business, at 6:38PM Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre