

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00PM on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the Town Offices. Jason Petraitis and John Tripp present.

FY 23 Appointments- Mr. Petraitis discussed change in name from NBHelps to NBHDC. In the past the members wanted to make this an official Town committee because there were issues with money. The Board at the time was ok with that so the financials would be processed through the Town warrants. This committee now seems to be meeting under a different name. We need to get clarification on this. Final FY 23 appointments will be tabled until next week's meeting.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission-2 Town/Owner agreements for housing rehab grants. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to sign the agreements for 22 Pleasant Street in Brookfield, and 8 Grove Street in Brookfield. So voted.

CDBG FY 21/CMRPC contract-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to sign the contract with CMRPC to administer North Brookfield's FY 21 CDBG grant. So voted.

Union Contract-Tabled until next week so Board has chance to review.

CvrF-MP Award closeout (CARES Act)-Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to sign the closeout letter for the CARES act. So voted.

Finance Committee Reserve: Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve a Finance Committee Reserve Transfer of \$800.00 to cover a handheld scanner/USB Cable and Software licensing for a purchase made in December 2020 that was not covered by the CARES act. So voted.

Transfers:

Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the following transfers:

Fire Dept:

\$195.46 from Air Tank Exp to Other, Phone and Forestry to cover increase cost of fuel.

\$510.37 from Fire Equip to Fire Gasoline to cover increased fuel cost.

\$130.94 from Air Tank Exp to Weekend Salary to cover mistake on roster

\$2,318.29 from Air Tank Exp o Fire Salary to cover month of June fires, 3rd paychecks.

BOS:

\$471.50 from Selectmen Street Lighting to Town Counsel to cover final FY22 invoice for legal services.

Police:

\$970.83 from Police Training to Police Office Expense to cover increased utility bills

\$1,718.12 from Police Training to Police Gasoline to cover increased fuel cost.

\$336.27 from Police ACO to Police Vehicle repair to cover expensed related to ACO vehicle.

\$70.46 from Police Training to Police purchase of service to cover expense due to rescinded funds.

So voted.

Town Beach: Mr. Petraitis said there was an issue with the Town Beach, the recreation committee in East Brookfield locked the gate to prevent access to the beach, but this is also the handicap access to the beach. Mr. Petraitis said he would call someone in East Brookfield and let them know they can't block handicap access, that will be non-ADA compliant and East Brookfield could end being sued.

Tech/Social Media Committee: Ashley explained the need for a Technology/Social Media Committee to establish a new social media policy for Board and Committees. The Board agreed and said they would appoint a three-member board. Ashley will advertise the committee in August.

Mr. Tripp said he spoke with Todd Carron at the First Congregational Church in North Brookfield about the church potentially donating some land to increase the width of the road and leave room for a sidewalk. Mr. Tripp wrote a letter; Ashley will type it up and the Board will sign it at the next meeting.

Mr. Petraitis suggested starting a folder for the 4th of July events with a list of contacts/vendors and donors. We should start planning the event in February to give ample time for everyone to get involved.

At 6:46PM Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to enter executive session to discuss complaints against an individual. Roll call: Petraitis, yes; Tripp, yes. So voted. Mr. Petraitis noted the Board would exit executive session only to adjourn.

At 7:15PM the Board came out of executive session. Mr. Tripp moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre