

## MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at the Senior Center on October 15, 2019 at 6:05PM. Dale Kiley and Jason Petraitis present. John Tripp arrived at 6:32PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Kiley seconded a motion to approve the minutes for 10/1 and 10/8 as written. So voted.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Kiley seconded a motion to approve the following warrants; General Warrant # 1019 for \$94,489.46, School Warrant # 1018 for \$58,922.56, Payroll Warrant# 8 for \$337,500.19 and Debt Warrant # 1017 for \$1,199,748.22. So voted.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Dale invited members of the North Brookfield Fire Department, Rescue, Police and owners of Green Gold Group for a presentation regarding LUCAS. LUCAS is a lifesaving tool that does constant and correct chest compressions, two lives in North Brookfield were saved last year alone.

Joe Holway spoke about how complicated CPR is to perform, and that chest compressions are the key to saving lives. If a person is rescued and CPR administered it's rare that that person will live more than 24 hours. 2 people were saved using LUCAS, a car accident and a massive heart attack.

Pat Kiristy said the LUCAS does 100 quality compressions per minute. Meaning the machine can't get tired so the compressions are timed correctly and strong enough to keep blood flowing in the body.

Dale explained the Green Gold Group is part of a Host Community Agreement, meaning the Town of North Brookfield has agreed to let Green Gold do business in town and Green Gold pays North Brookfield an amount of money to be used for the good of the town. There is a committee that decides how to spend the money, the committee consists of Dale Kiley, Chief Mark Smith and James from Green Gold. Dale and Chief Smith had approached Green Gold about the LUCAS machine and they jumped at the opportunity to purchase and donate it to the Town. The money is setup to go into an account and sit for a year before it can be spent, so instead of making North Brookfield wait they decided to purchase it outright and donate.

Sue Lyons spoke about how LUCAS saved her life and pointed out that CPR can cause injuries to the rescue workers, so this machine can save on workmen's comp claims. Sue stated that her cardiologists and doctors said the only reason she is alive today is because of the LUCAS tool and the paramedics. She said that most people who have a heart attack like her won't survive more than 24 hours, but if they do they are most likely going to suffer some brain damage as the brain goes without oxygen even while CPR is being performed. Another instance of the great chest compressions and timing LUCAS can perform. Sue said she came out alive and WHOLE because of LUCAS.

Dale presented James and Ralph from Green Gold a certificate of appreciation and took a picture with the Fire Department, Green Gold, and the Selectboard.

Ralph from Green Gold Thanked the Town for allowing them to do business in North Brookfield. He said North Brookfield is a unique town and has been great to work with. He said Green Gold was more than happy to get the LUCAS tool for the devoted public servants of North Brookfield.

Mr. Kiley opened the Pole Hearing at 6:24pm. 3 poles to be placed on Donovan Road. A representative from National grid read the petition. Dale asked why they were needed and the representative stated they were for a solar field.

A resident was concerned about National Grid driving on his property and replacing a pole, was concerned about his current electrical hookup. Rep from National Grid went over the map with resident and assured him that if they needed to drive over his property he would have been informed. Also reassured him that his hookup would not be affected.

Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Kiley seconded a motion to approve the petition to place 3 new poles. So voted.

Jason read letter from Anne Jannette regarding renewal of Senior Medicare Plans. Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Kiley seconded a motion to approve the request to renew the Medicare plan. So voted.

Mr. Kiley opened the second Pole Hearing at 6:30PM. Representative from National Grid read the petition. Mr. Petraitis moved and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to approve the petition to place one new pole on Donovan Road. So voted.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sue Lyons stated that with LUCAS machine you can also use the paddles and she is so happy the Town has a LUCAS now.

Brandon Avery stated the Friends of the Town House will be holding a "Clean Up the Town House" event on Saturday October 12 starting at 8am. They need volunteers to help. Also they will leave stuff outside for free on the Thursday and Friday before the cleanout, weather permitting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Kiley spoke about the new sign in the center of town. We are still waiting on an Ethernet cable to connect the sign to the internet. Mr. Kiley thanked Howe Lumber for their donations of treks decking and lumber to build the sign. He thanked Troy Brown for donating his time and materials hooking up the sign. He thanked John Tripp for all of his time and effort in building the sign and helping Troy to get it hooked up. Mr. Petraitis thanked Dale, Sharon Donovan and John for helping with the landscaping around the sign. Mr. Holway was also thanked as he's worked on the sign as well. Mr. Petraitis said he's already received a lot of compliments on the sign. Mr. Kiley said they are considering taking down the tall pine tree behind the sign and getting a new younger tree for Christmas lighting.

Mr. Kiley read through the proposed articles for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting. He asked Chief Mark Smith about replacing the portable radios at the PD. Chief Smith explained that in a few years the radios that the NBPD has will no longer be supported and will have to be replaced anyway. Mr. Kiley explained the 4 revolving accounts through Green Gold and how the money can be used.

There being no further business, at 7:03PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Barre – Admin Asst to BoS