

## **TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

A Special Town Meeting was held in the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 7:00pm, according to the warrant as posted. Moderator James N Caldwell called the meeting to order, recessed while voters continued to arrive, and proceeded with a total of 50 voters present.

Action was taken on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made by John Tripp, seconded by Elizabeth Brooke Canada to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from Finance Committee Reserve Fund to Fire: Salary Account. The motion was voted favorably by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made by John Tripp, seconded by Elizabeth Brooke Canada, to amend the Town of North Brookfield General Bylaws, Chapter X Miscellaneous, by adding Section 13 as follows. The motion was voted favorably by a show of hands.

### Section 13. Gravel/Sand Pit Permitting Process

Owners of gravel/sand pits that have active operations including resource excavation, recycling, composting, cultivating and/or storage activities, etc. occurring on their properties shall obtain an annual \$100, Active Resource Use Permit from the Board of Selectmen by January 1 each year. If the property owner is renting/leasing the property to one or more tenants, each tenant shall register with the Board of Selectmen and obtain an annual Active Resource Use Permit. The Planning Board and Board of Assessors shall assist in identifying active operations that should have Active Resource Use Permits.

The following are considered to be accessory uses to a gravel/sand pit and as such, they may be permitted with the approval of the Board of Selectmen at a public meeting following review and comment from the Building Inspector and Police Chief: concrete plant, asphalt plant, stump grinding plant, wood chip processing and related truck and equipment storage. Permitted accessory uses shall not be detrimental to abutters or the neighborhood. Offensive noise, odor, smoke, fumes, dust, etc. shall be held to industry standards and best management practices and not be deleterious to abutters or the neighborhood.

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made by Elizabeth Brooke Canada, seconded by John Tripp, to vote rescind the vote of the March 10, 2023 Special Town Meeting, Article 2, that transferred \$208,518.47 from Capital Stabilization to Highway: Equipment Outlay. The motion was voted favorably by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made by John Tripp, seconded by Elizabeth Brooke Canada, to vote to transfer the sum of \$137,432.13 from Capital Stabilization to Highway: Equipment Outlay to pay for costs of purchasing and equipping a tractor-mower. Kathy Crevier questioned the condition of the tractor based on previous conversations at Finance Committee meetings; Highway Superintendent Jason Benoit advised that the mower was working although there were still some questions. The motion was voted favorably by a show of hands with one dissenting vote.

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made by John Tripp, seconded by Elizabeth Brooke Canada, to vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from Water: Retained Earnings to Water: System Improvement. The motion was voted favorably by a show of hands.

Ron Ryel made a motion, Kathy Crevier seconded and it was voted unanimously to dissolve the meeting at 7:09pm

A true copy, Attest:

Tara M Hayes, Town Clerk  
June 20, 2023