Approved Minutes Town of Brookline Selectboard Meeting Wednesday, May 6 2020, 6:30 PM

Present

Selectboard: David Jones (Chair), Gwen Tanza, Bruce Mello, Joseph Dutton, Shelby Brimmer Town Officers: Guy Tanza (videographer)

Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM. Mr. Jones, Ms. Tanza and Mr. Tanza are attending at the Town Office, Mr. Mello, Mr. Dutton and Ms. Brimmer are all attending via the online/phone conference.

Review changes to agenda if any

Mr. Jones added item 7E. Recycling.

Scheduled members of the public

None

Unscheduled members of the public

None

Approve Minutes

Minutes from April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

After discussion of minor edits, Mr. Jones moved to Approve the minutes for April 15, 2020 as amended. Second by Mr. Mello. **All in Favor.**

New Business

LEMP Re-Adoption

Mr. Jones explained that the LEMP has been updated to reflect contact detail changes, and also to include the Town grader in the list of resources. Mr. Jones moved that the updated LEMP be adopted and approved. Second by Ms. Tanza. **All in Favor.**

Old Business

Traffic Speed Issues

Mr. Dutton commented that in the last few weeks he has noticed considerably less obvious speeding issues, and at the same time has noticed more of a presence by the State Police and Sheriff's Department in Town. There was discussion, with the general view being that the increased law enforcement presence has had a positive impact on the issue.

Financial/Tax Status

During discussion it was generally held that for the moment the Town is in good financial shape, and more will be known about any potential issues following the upcoming tax payment date of May 15.

SLP Update

Mr. Mello updated the Board on various things happening at the building, and there was further discussion of spreading wood chips and possibly sand around the playground equipment, with the help of Mr. Lavorgna and Mr. Bills.

Census

Mr. Dutton and other members noted that the 2020 Census is currently being conducted and is easily completed online at "https://my2020census.gov/". Mr. Dutton will also send a communication to the Town listsery to encourage anyone who has not already completed the census to do so.

Recycling

Mr. Tanza explained some recent issues with increased volume and increased mess and the recycling site. During discussion the Board expressed its appreciation for all of Mr. Tanza's efforts with regard to recycling, and particularly his efforts to keep the area clean. It was noted that the Town has some budgeted funds for trash removal at the site, and it is always an option to hire someone to remove the debris if the need arises.

Summary / Update / Reports

Guy Tanza - Town Clerk Report

Mr. Tanza reported that there are still 13 dogs yet to be registered, despite calls having been made and letters having been sent to all of their owners. Fines will be issued after May 31. Ms. Brimmer requested a list of the remaining unregistered dogs, in the event any of the owners are known to her so she could reach out to them as well. Mr. Tanza confirmed that he will share the list with the Board at the same time he sends it to the Animal Control Officer. He also noted that currently the school budget vote is scheduled for June 10, though he is awaiting direction from the State on the particulars of how the voting should be conducted.

Highways & Roads

Mr. Jones noted that he spoke recently with Mr. Bills and that Mr. Bills is currently grading the Town's roads as needed.

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Communications

Email

• Vtrans – details about current status of grant-related work in the State

Regular Mail

 Vermont Department of Forests – letters confirming re-appointment of Town Fire Warden and Deputy Fire Warden

Pay Orders

Payroll

Mr. Jones moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2020-44, dated April 29, 2020, in the amount of \$1,159.02.
Second by Ms. Tanza. All in Favor.

Accounts Payable

• Mr. Jones moved to approve Accounts Payable #2020-45, dated May 5, 2020, in the amount of \$5,599.85. Second by Mr. Mello. **All in Favor.**

Set agenda for the next meeting – Wednesday May 20, 2020

- Financial/Tax Status
- School Budget Vote update
- SLP update
- Covid-19 Impact Survey

Adjournment

Mr. Jones moved to Adjourn. Second by Mr. Mello. All in Favor. The meeting was Adjourned at 7:44PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Jones, Recorder, May 11, 2020