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**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 23, 2023, 4:00 pm  
Clifford B. Green Building and via Zoom**

**Present:** Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Lou Brodeur, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

**Also Present:** Sandy Brodeur

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.
2. Approve Minutes 02/09/23: L. Brodeur made a motion to accept the minutes of 02/09/23. J. Voccio seconded. J. Voccio wanted clarification wherein it was stated that East Brooklyn did not properly file 990Ns, and it is their responsibility to get verification from an auditor or the accountant, not our responsibility.
3. Public Comments: None. L. Brodeur stated that we needed to add "pay bills" in the agenda as line item 6a. J. Voccio seconded.
4. Appointments
  - Janet Booth, Wetlands: L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Janet Booth to Wetland Commission and J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 3-0. A. Tanner will double check that the term is 3 years.
5. Budget
  - Green Building: A. Tanner reports repairs to the Green Building include tearing out the wet sheetrock and working with the wet areas. There is asbestos under the tile and rugs; a specialist needs to tell us if we need to remove it or seal it. He was advised to work with one contractor that can do everything, so he reached out to Belfor Properties Restoration out of Wallingford, and he will meet with them on Tuesday. A. Tanner also stated that asbestos abatement would not be covered by insurance.
  - Financials: A. Tanner stated the financials were not printed, and that nothing has changed.
  - SAFER Grant: A. Tanner spoke with Alma Catic, she could meet Monday, and she is taking applications until 3/1/23, but they do this every year. Discussion was had that we need a solid plan before we can do this, but he will meet with Alma Catic so we can more information. J. Voccio stated we need to have a plan and something in place and several different scenarios were discussed.
6. Other Business: A. Tanner stated that he received information from the insurance company that CIGNA is the most competitive with a 4.61% increase; Connecticut Partnership, 19.10% increase, they are already higher so they are out of the picture; ConnectiCare, who we have, has agreed to a 7% increase and that the majority of the employees are happy with

ConnectiCare. A. Tanner asked if anyone heard of SourceWell, and said the representative said they did not have to go out to bid for the generator, that we are a member, but he said he has to confirm this; received a final bid on the generator project for \$173,000.00. A. Tanner stated that the WPCA met last night; that we need more information as far as finances go; that some repairs needs to be done fairly quickly; and the WPCA has some work to do. J. Voccio asked if there was any further activity on the Fire Commission following the municipal bonding act and the simple answer from A. Tanner was no.

- Approve Bills: L. Brodeur moved to pay Voucher #1422, Transfer Station Credit Card Machine fee, 3/1/23, \$40.00; J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 3-0. L. Brodeur moved to pay Voucher #1411, gas for the month, 2/24/23, \$878.15. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 3-0. L. Brodeur moved to pay Voucher #1412, credit card, 2/24/23, \$222.93. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 3-0. J. Voccio moved to pay Voucher #1414, 2/23/23, \$22,203.21. Lou seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Discussion was had about the “skipped” vouchers. A. Tanner stated that he had two tire bills for the Transfer Station; someone picks them up and takes them somewhere and then the other people take them somewhere else so we pay twice for them; one of them is Empire and the other is DRI, and he will follow up on this.

7. Public Comment: S. Brodeur questioned why we have skipped vouchers; and A. Tanner said he would check on this with S. Cates. It was discussed that they could be voided checks or consolidated invoices. S. Brodeur also commented that she hoped that we follow through on finding out about the purchase of the Fire Station and how that was handled because it is a big open controversy, and they are looking for transparency; the Fire District is trying to do that but we have to make sure they do not forget. There was more discussion about combining the companies and whether the Municipal Bonding Act was followed and the interpretation of the Code book.

8. Executive Session: L. Brodeur made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Mortlake Financials 2021 at 4:46 pm. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. L. Brodeur made a motion to exit executive session at 5:20 pm. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Adjourn: J. Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by L. Brodeur. Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary