

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2015
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

Present: Richard Ives, Bob Kelleher, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Pamela Lukin; 28 Maynard Rd.
Aaron Kerouack; 82 Windham Rd.
WINY Radio and the Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/27/15 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** Ms. Lukin discusses her concerns regarding the truck traffic on Maynard Road and feels it is a safety issue. The first concern is the amount of trucks on the road from Brooklyn Sand and Gravel. Ms. Lukin believes they are hauling more gravel out than is allowed by their permit. This could be controlled by enforcement. Secondly, Ms. Lukin feels there is a lack of concern from Brooklyn. Because Maynard road connects into Canterbury, this issue is also being discussed at their town meeting. Ms. Lukin feels Brooklyn should be at those meetings. Ms. Lukin states, she and other residents from Maynard road, have been asking for help with this issue since 2006 and no one has done anything. She states she will file a lawsuit against the Town because they are not doing their job. Mr. Ives informs Ms. Lukin that the Town is investigating the issue. We have a new Zoning Enforcement Officer and she is aware of the lapsed permit. Mr. Ives clarifies that the Town only has control of the permitting, not the traffic on the road. The permit can limit the amount of gravel taken out, but the Town cannot control if there are other trucks using the road or going to separate locations. Mr. Ives will contact Ms. Lukin in a week to discuss progress.
4. **Discussion on 2014-15 Budget:** A few more end of year adjustments have been made and final numbers will be taken to Board of Finance on Wednesday night. There was a budget number that was plugged in incorrectly, but the actuals were correct. The mistake has been rectified. There is a shortfall in revenues of approximately \$250,000. The School will be returning more money than expected and should have this number by Monday.
5. **Discussion on 2015-16 Budget:** An unexpected expense has occurred in this year's budget. The outside steps at the community center that connect the upper and lower level were in bad shape and became a safety issue. We were able to repair them for a cost of \$3,000.
6. **Discussion on Highway Trucks:** Mr. Ives states he is still looking into a leasing option for the trucks and will discuss this with the Board of Finance at the next meeting.

7. **Discussion on Town Forum:** The forum is the 17th at 7pm. Mr. Ives will be on WINY radio to promote it, it was also advertised in the turnpike buyer and on the Town website. The Board of Education chairperson will be participating at the forum.
8. **Discussion on Accounting Software:** The finance department has been looking into a new accounting software and there is a grant available in the amount of \$60,000. The Town would share this program with Pomfret, as well of the board of education in both Towns. The cost to the Town will be small and Sherry Holmes will be presenting this to the Board of Finance next week.
9. **Discussion on Inland/Wetland Commission:** The commission has been facing the issue of cancelled meetings because they cannot make a quorum. Mr. Ives is looking for suggestions. He has considered changing the membership size of 7 to 5, or combining the commission with Planning & Zoning.
10. **Update on Transfer Station Gravel:** Mr. Ives is in the process of testing the site to see how much gravel is left to determine if it is worth going through the application process. Either way, the Town did not budget for sand and this will need to be ordered soon. Mr. Ives will prepare an RFP.
11. **Update on Commercial Development:** The project behind CVS has been approved at Inland/Wetlands and will proceed to Planning & Zoning next. Dunkin Donuts proposal has been approved and is moving ahead. Danielson Glass is well into their project and making good progress. There has been talk of the former bowling alley being used but nothing confirmed yet.
12. **Other Business**
 - The Rose Wing roof repair went out to bid and three contractors responded.
 - Joe Voccio made a motion to add the Board of Fire Commissioners vacancy on the agenda. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
Mr. Ives received a letter from the chief of East Brooklyn and of the three names given, he requests Patrick Gauthier be reappointed. Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Patrick Gauthier to the Fire Commissioners as the East Brooklyn representative, with a term expiring 9/11/2016. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - Mr. Ives and Mr. Kelleher reviewed bills today. Mr. Voccio was not notified they were ready. Mr. Ives tables the approval until Mr. Voccio can review them.
 - Mr. Voccio discusses the lack of control we have over the roads when it comes to traffic issues. Mr. Ives will have more information next week and work on an action plan for the end of the month meeting.
13. **Public Comment:**
 - Ms. Lukin expresses her concerns again regarding the truck traffic on Maynard road and gravel permit issues.
 - Aaron Kerouack discusses the lack of a quorum at Inland/Wetland meetings. He makes a suggestion to look into the possibility of combining the commission with Conservation.
14. **Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary