

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 8, 2016  
7:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

**Present:** Rick Ives and Joe Voccio

**Absent with notification:** Robert Kelleher

**Also Present:** Aaron Kerouack and Fran from the Norwich Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
2. **Public Comment:** Aaron Kerouack commented that the sidewalks look really good. Rick Ives stated that they did good, fast work. The Board will need a special meeting in the future to approve the bill.
3. **Approve Minutes: 8/25/16:** Approval of minutes was tabled until the next meeting.
4. **2016-17 Budget Discussion:** At the last meeting, the Board was concerned that not all the revenues had been entered; with this new format, opening balances and account with activity are clearly seen. Joe Voccio stated that the format is really good and allows them to see everything. Rick Ives said that the encumbrances were off, but now they are going to be handled the same way every time. July was good for tax collections, the highest that the Town has ever had.
  - Rick Ives said that in the last week, between the high school(s) and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade there were thirty new children sign up; normally the new enrollments are in kindergarten.
5. **Brooklyn Builder's Property Discussion:** Brooklyn Builders, LLC is asking for the road and conservation piece of land that has frontage on Gorman back from the Town. According to Rick Ives, the road in question should not have been deeded to the Town in the first place and he does not think that the Town can give the land. There needs to be more discussion on the matter before anything happens. The road should go back since it should not have been deeded to the Town in the first place. He also said that it has to go to Public Meeting, but Joe Voccio asked if it was accepted at a Public Meeting in the first place. Rick Ives is not sure, but he is going to check. Joe Voccio said that should be on the agenda for the next Public Meeting, the Board needs to look into the issue more and find out what is going to happen to the land. Rick Ives also mentioned that at the next Town Meeting he wants have something about ethics.
6. **Construction/Capital Update:**
  - **Rose Wing Roof:** The project is completed, other than the final walkthrough, which will be done soon. The project has come in under budget.
  - **Sidewalks:** There was an issue with the procedure; a letter had to be included with the form to accept the bid saying that this is the form; there was no letter. It will be fixed soon. There was one change order with the project, the existing curbing was going to be used, but large section of it was falling apart, so a new curbing was added. It was an additional \$1,800. The estimates for the project were high, so the project came in under budget. Joe Voccio asked if it was recommended to seal the sidewalk. Rick Ives responded that they said no, because according to the State, there is no issue with the road salt they are using.

- **Highway Trucks:** The chassis came in today; they will receive lettering, radios, and the bodies in the next week. The project is ahead of schedule.
  - **Cement:** The project has been awarded to a local person who was the only bid, for below the estimate. The School's Facility Committee needs to get an architect for the project.
  - **Mortlake Fire Department:** They will be putting the generator to bid soon.
7. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$142,726.66. Rick Ives seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 2-0.
  8. **Public Comment:** None
  9. **Adjourn:** Rick Ives made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted;  
April Lamothe  
Recording Secretary