



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 29, 2016
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

Also Present: David Fuss, Aaron Kerouack and WINY radio

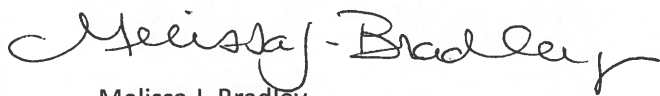
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1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Mr. Ives notes under item 6 Cement; It should read East Brooklyn Fire Department, and the second sentence was referring to the school and should be removed from item 6. Rick Ives made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections noted. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Bob Kelleher abstained, he was not present. Motion passed.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments**
 - **Resource Recovery:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Richard Ives to Resource Recovery as a regular member with a term expiring 9/25/2021. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **Planning & Zoning:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Jules D'Agostino as an alternate member to Planning and Zoning with a term expiring 10/01/2020. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **Ethics:** Mr. Ives received an application from Martin Weiner with interest becoming a board member. Mr. Ives feels he will be a good fit for the board and recommends he be appointed. Bob Kelleher made a motion to appoint Martin Weiner to the Board of Ethics as a regular member with a term expiring 6/26/2018. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio feels he will be a great edition to the board and expects he will raise the bar. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **WPCA:** Mr. Ives states Derek Lindia is interested in becoming involved on the board as a member and feels he will be a good addition. David Fuss also recommended Robert Ross for the board. He has attended a meeting and works for Killingly Public Works. Mr. Fuss is assured he will be a great addition to the board. Bob Kelleher made a motion to appoint Robert Ross to the WPCA as a regular member with a term expiring 9/25/2021. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Fuss believes there will be an opening on the board by resignation and would like to contact Mr. Lindia and invite him to the next meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **Discussion on 2016-17 Budget:** Mr. Ives reports the sidewalk project is completed and the money has been received from the State. The contractor has not sent his invoice for payment yet. The building committee will meet when the bill comes in. The budget is in line at this point.
6. **Discussion on Ethics Ordinance:** A revision is being made in the ordinance to include language to enable the Board of Selectmen to remove commission members based on a recommendation from the Ethics Board. Mr. Ives will send the revision to the Selectmen.
7. **Discussion on STEAP Grant:** Brooklyn was awarded a grant from OPM for generators at the school but the amount is not confirmed yet. Mr. Ives will update when it is confirmed.
8. **Approve STEAP resolution:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the Resolution Seeking Status as a STEAP Eligible Town. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Ives explains this resolution is passed every four years and allows Brooklyn to be eligible for the grants. Motion passed 3-0.
9. **Discussion on Highway Department Staffing:** Mr. Ives states one highway employee is out on workers comp and the length of time is unknown but will be a long range. A driver will be needed for the winter. Mr. Ives will post the position in house for a temporary employee and then will advertise.
10. **Discussion on Emergency Management Director:** Mr. Ives states when Kevin Filchak left as the director, by statute, it defaults to the First Selectman. One member, Stephen Myly, is interested in filling the position. Mr. Ives will have a recommendation for the end of October and encourages any suggestions.
11. **Discussion on Brooklyn Builders/Grandview Terrace:** Mr. Ives states this is an ongoing issue and agrees the road should be turned back but not the open space. This will need to go to Town Meeting and the Town Attorney will draw up the deed.
12. **Liaison Reports:** Nothing to report.
13. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$629,961.16. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
14. **Other Business:** Mr. Voccio comments the old D&Z property is overgrown and the collection bin is over flowing. Mr. Ives states Jana has been dealing with the owners and they have been cooperative to clean it up. He will check on the status.

Joe Voccio made a motion to add public comment to the agenda as the next item of business. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
15. **Public Comment:** David Fuss suggests the Town takes a piece of land to make a turnaround for the snow plows on Grandview terrace.
16. **Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa J. Bradley". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary



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Resolution Seeking Status as a STEAP Eligible Town

WHEREAS, the Town of Brooklyn has determined that it is the best interests of the citizens of the Town to become eligible for funding under the State of Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brooklyn is not currently eligible for STEAP participation due to its status as an Urban Act Community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brooklyn is not designated as a Regional Center under the State plan of Conservation and Development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brooklyn may, in accordance with Public Act 05-194, become eligible for STEAP participation by petitioning the Secretary of the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to remove the Town from eligibility under the Urban Act and seeking eligibility under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Brooklyn, through its Board of Selectmen does hereby authorize the First Selectman to petition the Secretary of the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to remove the Town from eligibility under the Urban Act and seek eligibility under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program.

Made this 29th day of September, 2016


Leona A. Mainville Town Clerk