

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 8, 2016
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: Ken Dykstra, David Fuss, Aaron Kerouack, WINY Radio and Fran from the Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the previous minutes of 11/22/16 and 12/6/16 as presented. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments/Resignations**
 - Parks & Recreation: Joe Voccio made a motion to accept the resignation from Lauren Centracchio, with regret, from Parks & Recreation. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0; Joe Voccio made a motion to appoint Harry Adams to Parks & Recreation, to fill the vacancy from Lauren Centracchio, with a term expiring 01/01/2019. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Mr. Adams was a member on Conservation and has been helping with Spooky Nights and would like to be more involved with Recreation. His term on Conservation will not be reappointed in January. Motion passed 2-0; Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint Mike Gaudreau and Cliff Soucy to Parks & Recreation as regular members with terms expiring 01/01/2021. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Mr. Ives states he whole heartedly supports these reappointments. Motion passed 2-0.
 - Resource Recovery Commission: Rick Ives made a motion to reappoint Joe Voccio to Resource Recovery with a term expiring 01/01/2022. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.
 - Planning & Zoning: Mr. Ives would like to table this item. The members have not responded to confirm reappointment as of today. Joe Voccio made a motion to table the appointment of Michelle Sigfridson and Dale Thompson for Planning & Zoning. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.
 - Economic Development: Rick Ives made a motion to move Cary Garcia from an alternate member to a regular member on Economic Development with a term expiring 01/01/2019. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

5. **2016-17 Budget Discussion:** No unexpected expenses have occurred at this point. Brooklyn's Resident Trooper has been promoted and most likely his replacement will be a lower pay grade and this will be a savings in the budget at year end. Revenues are slightly behind for Resource Recovery. ECS and Mashentucket money will be in for January.
6. **Set Date for Solar Farm Forum:** A proposed project for a solar farm has come forth. The preliminary work has been done, it must go to the State Siting Council. Mr. Ives would like them to address the residents and explain the project. Tentative date is set for after the regular Board of Selectmen meeting on January 26th.
7. **Board & Commission Vacancies Discussion:** There are many boards in need of members. Mr. Ives will speak with the PTO to seek involvement and also the Senior Center. Anyone looking to get involved is encouraged to come speak with Mr. Ives.
8. **Set Dates for Budget Workshops:** Workshops will be held on January 21st, 28th, February 4th and tentatively on January 14th.
9. **Liaison Reports:** Mr. Voccio will reach out to the departments and ask for project requests.
10. **Other Business:** Mr. Voccio suggests crafting guidelines to incorporate materials used at meetings in the meeting minutes filed with the clerk and on the website. Transparency is important and this would keep residents be more informed who are unable to make meetings. Planning and Zoning is a good example of this. Mr. Ives will find out from Jana if we have the technology to put these materials on the website and still have it readable. This will be discussed further at another meeting.
11. **Public Comment:** Mr. Kerouack suggests a time stamp on the vacancy listing on the website. It is not always apparent if it is up to date. Mr. Kerouack also suggests the First Selectman decide what position an applicant is best for after meeting with them. Mr. Voccio thinks it may be helpful if it is stated how many hours a month would be expected to serve on said board. Mr. Ives would like to do more advertising for the vacancies.
12. **Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recoding Secretary