

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 31, 2017
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: Pat Boyd; State Rep, David Fuss, Wayne Jolley, Marion Kervin, Theresa Lazure, Aaron Kerouack, WINY Radio and Fran from the Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.
2. **Public Comment:** Brooklyn State Representative Pat Boyd discusses the current budget situation and how Towns will be affected if no budget is in place by October. The next session ends in September. Mr. Boyd will keep the Selectmen informed on the progress.
3. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the previous minutes of 8/10/17 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
4. **Resignations:** Joe Voccio made a motion to accept the resignation of Charlotte Merrill from the Conservation Commission with regret, effective August 29th. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
Joe Voccio made a motion to accept the resignation of Debbie Tanner from the Ag Commission with regret. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
Rick Ives made a motion to move Sandy Brodeur from an alternate member on the Ag Commission, to fill the regular member vacancy with an expiration of 1/14/2018. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept the resignation of Melissa LaBossiere from Inland/Wetlands with regret and thanks for her service. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Bob Kelleher made a motion to add the appointment of the East Brooklyn member to the Fire Commissioners. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Patrick Gauthier to the Board of Fire Commissioners as the East Brooklyn representative with an expiration of 9/11/18. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. East Brooklyn Chief, Jim Warren, submitted a letter of three members for the position and recommended Pat be reappointed. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **2016-17 Budget Recap:** Revenue and expense reports were given to members. All the bills for the school have been submitted. The deficit total is \$69,766.40. A request will be made to the Board of Finance. The overall budget was in the Positive \$446,768.62. This will go back into the reserve. Mr. Kelleher questions the Trooper reimbursement shortage. Mr. Ives states two Troopers were budgeted

and when one was cut, the revenue line was not adjusted.

6. **2017-18 Budget Update:** Two reimbursement requests were made to OPM for the school roof projects. They have not been received yet but Mr. Ives has spoken

with them and they assured the money was coming and not being held up.

7. **Line of Credit Discussion:** Mr. Ives would like to explore the option of having a line of credit incase the money is not received from the State. No money could be used without the approval of the Board of Finance and Town Meeting. The Town is preapproved for 2 million dollars. The Town Attorney stated the language

was stable. Mr. Ives would like to vote at the next meeting.

8. **Fracking Waste Discussion:** Eastford recently passed a fracking waste ordinance. DEEP has not enforced regulations but will at some point. Mr. Ives would like the Selectmen to look of Eastfords as an example and discuss at a later meeting.

9. **Multi-jurisdictional Shelter Update:** Mr. Ives states the cots referred to in the agreement included the cots in the 2 red cross trailers the Town are in possession

of.

10. **Recreation Update:** The before and after school programs are full. There is a waiting list. There are two fall concerts planned at Riverside Park on 9/9 and 9/17 beginning at 5pm. There will be a second barn added to Spooky Nights. This will be a kids version haunted house.

11. **Fall Festival Update:** The festival will be held September 23 & 24. Mary Beth Leonard along with other volunteers are working hard on the planning.

12. **Public Improvements Specifications Discussion:** This document is out of date and Mr. Ives would like to have our engineer to make revisions. Joe Voccio made a motion to move the public improvement specs to the engineer to review for irrelevance and general update. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
13. **Gifting of Land to Town:** A subdivision off Tripp Hollow road is a dead end and does not have a turn around. A landowner would voluntarily deed a piece of land to the Town to build the turn around. The land would be deeded and the Town would have five years to complete the project. Mr. Ives suggests accepting the land but not doing anything unless necessary. Currently, school buses have permission to turn around, so that is not an issue. Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept the parcel of land on the south easterly corner of Tripp Hollow road as as shown on the map. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. This will have to be approved at a Town Meeting. Motion passed 3-0.
14. **Housing Authority Discussion:** An RFP went out regarding Tiffany Place. A walk thru was scheduled for today. The Housing Authority can not raise the money to fix up the two buildings which contain twenty-seven units. It would be sold to a non profit company and they would develop it. There are some current restrictions on the property which may force the housing authority to stay engaged. Mr. Voccio feels this project was mismanaged from the beginning.
15. **Single Family Dwellings:** No report
16. **Calls for Service:** No report
17. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the three vouchers 1016, 1130, 1132 in the amounts of \$1,335,765.19, \$412.09 and \$2,799.50. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
18. **Other Business:** None
19. **Public Comment:** Aaron Kerouack questions if the Housing Authority is a functioning committee seeing they do not meet often? Mr. Ives agrees they do not meet often.
Marion Kervin questions what the interest rate would be on the LOC and what would it be used for? Interest would be prime +1. If they State did not pay the reimbursement for the roof project, the LOC would be used to pay those bills. There is a hearing on September 19 regarding the solar project. It will be held at the Tiffany street Community Center.
The Tech Park committee met Tuesday. There is a need for smaller lots. There are four lots the committee is looking to divide into six.
20. **Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary