



TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 7, 2017
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Richard Ives, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary
Absent: Wayne Jolley

Also Present: Stan Karro, Sandra Brodeur, Lou Brodeur, and Aaron Kerouack

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Discussion on 2017/18 Budget:** Approximately \$584,000 more was cut from the Town out of the State budget. The Board of Education has cut approximately \$300,000 and the General Government budget between \$100,000 - \$150,000.

Mr. Ives proposes the following cuts:

- \$25,000 Reduction on 1 FTE Jan-Jun
- \$5,800 Reduction of Park seasonal wages Apr-Jun
- \$5,200 Reduction Tru Green Jan-Jun
- \$2,300 Reduction Tru Green grass seed
- \$6,300 Close Teen Center Jan-Jun
- \$50,000 Reduction Roads and Bridges
- \$17,400 3 Furlough Days for Town Employees
- \$15,000 Defer MS4 Permit until next year
- \$50,000 Pay Sand and Salt from TAR

Mr. Ives states the Selectmen do not have the authority to cut the Parks and Recreation budget, this would be up to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance chairman will be proposing at their meeting Monday evening to take money from the reserve as well.

Mr. Voccio feels it is a decent plan for Monday night's discussion at the Board of Finance meeting however he would like to have a conversation about increasing the reserve. Also, if the funding amount changes for the positive, Mr. Voccio would like to see the furlough days for employees withdrawn.

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Joe Voccio made a motion that the Selectmen be prepared to identify a cost reduction in an amount of no more than \$130,000 in the 2017/18 budget. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

3. Public Comment

Sandra Brodeur questions the payment with high Schools. Mr. Ives explains Killingly does not do their calculating at the end of the year and they also increased the per student cost by \$1,000. Sandy would like and update on LOCIP. Mr. Ives states it was approved and the paperwork has been filed.

Aaron Kerouack questions what the Board of Education would do if the Town was not able to contribute to make up their shortage? Aaron also questions if the Fire Tax in East Brooklyn could be used? Mr. Ives explains this is used to pay street lights in about half of East Brooklyn.

- 4. Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted;


Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary

Cost Reduction Considerations

12/5/2017

Revenue above Budget	Expense Reduction	Description
	\$ 25,000	Jan-Jun reduction of 1 FTE Town
	\$ 5,800	Apr-Jun reduction of Park seasonal wages, 0.7 FTE @ \$17.32/hr.
	\$ 5,200	Jan-Jun Tru Green
	\$ 2,300	Tru Green grass seed
	\$ 6,300	Apr-Jun close Teen Center
	\$ 50,000	Roads and Bridges, reduction
	\$ 17,400	3 Furlough days, town employees, \$1.2M/208 working days = \$5,800/day, 3 days
	\$ 15,000	MS4 Permit for storm water mgmt. (deferring \$15K to next yr.)
	\$ 50,000	1 FTE Highway paid from TAR (Rick verifying) - sand & salt
\$ 16,000		Recreation revenue above budget
\$ 113,146		Municipal Stabilization Grant

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\$ 177,000 TOTAL Expense Reduction
 \$ 129,146 TOTAL Revenue Expected above Budget

Approved by BOE on 12/4/17
pending MOU for furlow days and
reductions by Town approved by
voters.

-\$22,161

This amount will be reduced at a later date