

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 29, 2018
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

Also Present: Ken Dykstra, Lou Brodeur and Sandy Brodeur

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/8/18 as presented. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments:**
 - **BEMHS:** Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint Eliezer Iturrino as a regular member with a term expiring 12/13/2021. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **BOFC:** Mortlake Fire Company submitted a letter to the board with three recommendations for their representative. The first recommendation was Lou Brodeur, who currently serves in this position. Rick Ives made a motion to appoint Lou Brodeur as the Mortlake representative with a term expiring 12/2/2019. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint James Soler as a citizen member with a term expiring 12/2/2021. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on 2018-19 Financials:** There is still an issue with the revenues, but it will be resolved. The postage expense line is over budget but there will be credit coming from Pitney Bowes that will resolve this.
6. **Discussion/Action on School Request: Parcel Purchase & Solar Resolution:**

Passing the resolution will allow the school to apply for a grant with a reimbursement rate of 72%. A hearing was held on Tuesday to discuss this, but attendance was low. The Board of Education has already approved this, and it is up the Selectmen to send it to a town vote. A

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building committee will also be established for this project. Joe Voccio made a motion to advance the solar proposal to a Town Meeting for the purpose of application to the State for both schools. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Joe Voccio still feels the power purchase option is the way to go but regardless of how it goes, he will support it going forward. Motion passed 2-1 (Voccio-nay).

After the hearing the other night regarding purchasing the property on Louise Berry Drive, Ms. Buell sent a letter to the Selectman requesting the board considers abandoning or discontinuing the use of this road. The board agrees the school needs a long-term solution to the traffic, but this may not be it. There is land on the road that would be affected and become land locked. Mr. Ives will speak with the attorney for a proper resolution.

7. **Set Town Meeting Date:** Joe Voccio made a motion to set a Town Meeting for Thursday, December 13 beginning at 7pm in the Middle School Auditorium. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Items on the call will be the school board elections; school solar projects; First Selectman taking office after election; parking ban ordinance; and use of TAR, LOCIP and approved budget funds. Motion passed 3-0.
8. **Set 2018-19 Budget Schedule:** Mr. Ives has asked departments to begin working on their budgets. He feels there will be more capital requests this year and should begin early. The first budget workshop will be the 3rd Saturday in January.
9. **Reschedule Workshop:** The workshop scheduled to discuss the employee handbook, building security and Sustainable CT was cancelled due to the weather. A meeting will be scheduled after the first of the year.
10. **Update on Paving/Drainage Projects:** The tree crew in Town has been doing great. It is too late in the year to pave. This will resume in the Spring.
11. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve voucher #1046 in the amount of \$51,959.14 and voucher #1033 in the amount of \$246,625.80. The current bills were not completed in time for the board to review prior to the meeting, they will be voted on at the next meeting. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
12. **Other Business:**
 - Joe Voccio questions what the next steps are regarding the zoning decision on the gravel bank? Rick Ives states the owner was contacted the following day and told to stop and refused. The Town sent a letter to the attorney for a conjunction and the owner has sued the Town. The Town will request to use our land use attorney, but the insurance company can choose their own.
 - Two other small claims were received, unrelated. They are claiming they were double taxed. This does not appear to have happened, but they were not satisfied with the explanation.

13. Public Comment:

- Lou Brodeur comments on Louise Berry Drive and if he was the land owner who could get land locked, he would pursue a lawsuit with the Town. He does not feel that is a solution.
- Sandy Brodeur states she is glad something is happening with the gravel bank.
- Ken Dykstra questions the status of the Community Center roof and Town Hall? Rick Ives states the RFP is ready to go out for the community center and plans to send it to bid in February. Rick states he has not gotten anyone to give a quote on repairs yet for the Town Hall.
- Some projects for the MS4 permit are being worked on. The vacuum truck is priced out, an RFP needs to be put together.
- Capital projects are on schedule or completed. Mr. Ives will have a report for the next meeting.
- The auditors are on schedule, they are waiting on one schedule from us.
- There is one final paper to complete the previous audit Mr. Ives is waiting for.

14. Adjourn: Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary

MORTLAKE

FIRE COMPANY

November 29, 2018

Mr. Rick Ives, 1st Selectman
Town of Brooklyn
P. O. Box 356
Brooklyn, CT. 06234

Dear Rick;

Per your request, the Mortlake Fire Company would like to submit the following to be considered as a member of the Brooklyn Board of Fire Commissioners.

At last night's meeting, the Board of Directors of the Mortlake Fire Company nominated the following members to submit to the Board of Selectmen as candidates for consideration as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners:

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| 1. Lucien A. Brodeur | Former Chief and present Chairman of the Board of Directors |
| 2. Leo Berube | Present Deputy Chief of the department |
| 3. Mark Spellmon | Present Assistant Chief of the department |

Thank you in advance for choosing one of our members to represent the Board.

Sincerely,



Lucien A. Brodeur, Chairman
Mortlake Board of Directors

The Brooklyn Schools

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Patricia L. Buell
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November 28, 2018

Mr. Richard Ives
Town of Brooklyn Connecticut
4 Wolf Den Road, PO Box 356
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Dear Selectman Ives,

Thank you for providing a forum for an informational session for the Board of Education to discuss the solar photovoltaic project options for the Brooklyn Public Schools and a discussion of the acquisition of the land off of Louise Berry Drive on November 27, 2018. It was wonderful to hear the ideas shared by the elected officials and community members who were present.

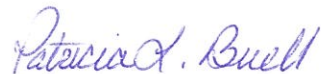
I am writing as an agent of the Brooklyn Public Schools to request that the Board of Selectmen consider this a formal written request to abandon or discontinue using Louise Berry Drive as a town road. It is my understanding that the Board of Selectmen can review this request and forward this to the appropriate commission for consideration.

The reason for this request is to address the same issues that were discussed during the informational session. The traffic pattern around the Brooklyn Public Schools uses Louise Berry Drive during arrival and dismissal and if the road was abandoned and given to the school this would eliminate the concerns regarding traffic patterns breaking the laws. The school could establish posted traffic patterns to be followed as part of the driveway.

I understand that there would be an impact to the one resident who resides on Louise Berry Drive which could be addressed through an easement or right of way to the resident(s). I am confident that the commission would have experience with the necessary procedures to address the access for the resident.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I could be of any assistance with forwarding this to the commission.

Sincerely,



Patricia L. Buell
Superintendent

Cc: Brooklyn Board of Education Members

Mission: The Brooklyn Schools will foster a drive for learning within each student to reach his/her greatest potential. To achieve this mission, the school will continually improve its educational programs and services to meet this community's expectations for a quality education for all.