

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT 06234

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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 14, 2019
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

Also Present: Ken Dykstra, Sandy Brodeur, Lou Brodeur and Aaron Kerouack

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 1/31/19 and 2/2/19. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments/Resignations**
 - **Conservation:** Joe Voccio made a motion to accept Michael Oatley's resignation with regret. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Mr. Ives states Mike moved out of Town and was a valuable member who will be missed. Motion passed 3-0.
 - **BRRC:** Wayne Jolley made a motion to appoint Ken Dykstra to Resource Recovery as a regular member with a term expiring 2/01/2021. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on 2017/18 Financials:** The financials will be presented to the Board of Finance next week and the auditor Cheryl will be there as well. Mr. Voccio suggests having a joint meeting with the finance board in case the Selectmen need to act on anything. Mr. Ives agrees.
6. **Discussion on 2018/19 Financials:** Expenses are all on track. There are still some revenue items that need adjusting but can not be done until the audit is completed from the prior year.
7. **Capital Update:** The floor has been completed at the fire department; the leaf vac was purchased; the technology at the school is being done as needed; East Brooklyn fire truck is about 4 months from being completed; all computers have been replaced at the Town Hall. Mr. Ives is exploring a new contractor to look at the roof at the Town Hall. Painting needs to be done as well at the Town Hall. Mr. Ives would like some suggestions on what the best solution would be. Discussion will be held at the next meeting.

- 8. Approval of School Project Building Committee:** Mr. Ives would like this board to be five members:

Board of Selectmen: Joe Voccio

Board of Education: Mae Lyons

Board of Finance: Ken Dykstra

Citizens: Jules D'agostino and Lou Brodeur

Wayne Jolley made a motion to form the school project building committee with the above listed members. Joe Voccio seconded the motion for discussion. Mr. Voccio questions if there will be a clerk of the works? Mr. Ives states yes and he will work with the committee. Motion passed 3-0.

- 9. Update on P&Z Regulations:** There will be an informational meeting held on the 19th at 6:30pm in the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center.

10. Other Business:

- Mr. Ives gives information to the Selectmen regarding a proposed property reform bill. Proposed bill attached. Mr. Ives states this would cost the Town millions in taxes.
- P & Z held a meeting on February 6th and recommended the acquisition of the Community Center on Tiffany Street. The next step will be to bring this to a Town Meeting.
- Mr. Ives will invite Bob Simons to the next meeting to discuss rebranding EDC.

- 11. Mr. Ives made a motion to amend the agenda for discussion and action on the adaptive use of property and tax relief. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.**

Mr. John Kirchner is a Vietnam Vet who was stationed in an area of agent orange. He was diagnosed in 2007 in the VA hospital and spent the next few years in chemo and radiation which did not work. He was later sent to Washington for bone marrow. He now has lung cancer and ischemia of the heart. MERSA is also in his blood stream and he has PTSD. He is confined to a wheel chair.

Mr. Kirchner was recently awarded a specially adaptive housing grant. Home renovations will be done to accommodate his needs. State law allows a Town to also exempt property taxes under this federal program. A vote from the Selectmen and then Town Meeting would be needed.

Joe Voccio made a motion to approve a local option granted to allow abating taxes to people who have been awarded the Specially Adaptive Housing Grant #A which will be identified in an ordinance per United States Code 38; to be approved at Town Meeting on March 8, 2019.

Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- 12. Approve Bills:** Wayne Jolley made a motion to approve bill voucher #1075 in the amount of \$106,597.15. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1 abstain (Voccio)

- 13. Calls for Service:** No discussion

- 14. Public Comment:** Sandy Brodeur questions where the school stands with the 2017/18 audit? Mr. Ives replies that everyone is in agreement.

- 15. Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary

January 23, 2019

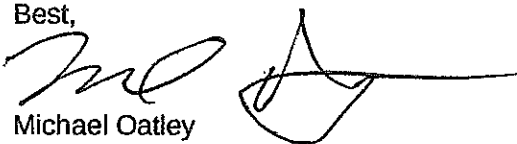
Rick Ives
First Selectman
4 Wolf Den Road
PO Box 356
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Rick,

I am writing to officially resign my position with the town of Brooklyn Conservation Commission. I am no longer a resident of Brooklyn. It has been a pleasure serving the town these past several years.

Best,

Michael Oatley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Oatley', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

From: Connecticut Council of Small Towns <james.berardino@gmlobbying.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 6:10 PM
To: Rick Ives
Subject: Property Reform Bill



Property Reform Bill

The legislature's Finance Committee voted to reserve a "property reform" bill for a subject matter public hearing.

The bill, introduced by President Pro Tempore Martin Looney, includes the following provisions:

- Establishes a \$50,000 homestead exemption to be applied to assessed value of one-to-four family owner-occupied residences;
- Establishes a one mill statewide tax on real property with an adjustment for the homestead exemption;
- Repeals the municipal property tax on motor vehicles;
- Enacts a state-wide motor vehicle tax of at least 15 mills but not more than 19 mills
- Redistributes the revenues of the statewide mill rate and statewide car tax to:
 1. fund PILOT program reimbursements to municipalities;
 2. increase special education grants to municipalities; and
 3. targets remaining revenues to education and alliance district grants
- Exempts the first \$25,000 of assessed value of business personal property from municipal property tax

Additional details are not available at this time as the bill will not be fully drafted prior to the public hearing.

Please let us know if you are interested in testifying or submitting testimony on how this bill will affect local property taxes and the delivery of services in your community. Contact Betsy Gara at bgara@ctcost.org or 860-841-7350.

Other Municipal Tax Bills

The legislature's Finance Committee has also reserved the following bills for a subject matter public hearing:

- **SB-475** - AN ACT INCREASING THE SALES TAX RATE AND DEDICATING THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO MUNICIPALITIES
- **HB-5193** - AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF PRIMARY DWELLINGS AFFECTED BY CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS FROM THE REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX
- **HB-6032** - AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF MUNICIPAL RETENTION OF A PORTION OF THE REVENUE GENERATED BY THE SALES AND USE TAXES ON HOTELS AND LODGING HOUSES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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February 11, 2019

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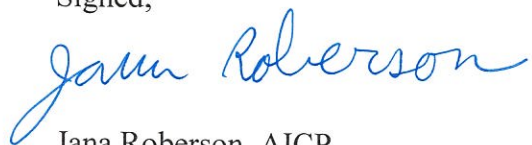
RE: Notice of Decision – MI-19-001 CGS 8-24 Referral: Purchase of Community Center at 31 Tiffany Street from Brooklyn Housing Authority (Assessor's Map 47, Lots 57 & 58) – 6 acres.

To Town of Brooklyn Board of Selectmen:

At their February 6, 2019 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the acquisition of the Community Center at 31 Tiffany Street and associated properties by the Town of Brooklyn from the Brooklyn Housing Authority.

If you have any questions please contact Jana Roberson, Director of Community Development/Town Planner at 860-779-3411 Extension 14.

Signed,



Jana Roberson, AICP
Dir. of Comm. Development
Town Planner

JR/acl
CC: File, Housing Authority



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Troop D, Danielson

February 8, 2019

First Selectman Richard Ives
P. O. Box 356
Brooklyn, Ct 06234

Dear First Selectman Ives:

This correspondence is to keep you apprised of the monthly police services occurring within the Town of Brooklyn. It is my sincere hope that this report will assist you in better understanding our role in your community.

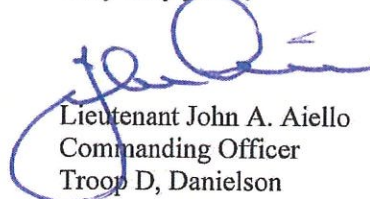
During the month of January 2019 Troop D Troopers responded to 242 Calls for Service in the Town of Brooklyn. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	<u>9</u>
Criminal Invest:	<u>15</u>
Burglaries:	<u>2</u>
Larcenies:	<u>1</u>
Non Reportable Matters:	<u>215</u>

In addition to the above investigations Troopers conducted the following motor vehicle enforcement:

DUI'S:	<u>0</u>
Traffic Citations:	<u>40</u>
Written Warnings:	<u>16</u>

Very truly yours,


Lieutenant John A. Aiello
Commanding Officer
Troop D, Danielson

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