

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 30, 2014
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: WINY radio

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 meeting minutes from 10/2/14 & 10/9/14 as presented. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments**
 - Inland Wetlands: Bob Kelleher made a motion to move Deane Rettig from an alternate member to a regular member with a term expiring 02/01/2016, replacing the vacancy from Lester Phillips who resigned at the September Inland Wetlands meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
 - Bob Kelleher made a motion to appoint Alan Carpenter as a regular member with a term expiring 01/01/2015, filling the vacancy from Deane Rettig. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio questions if we can move his appointment because he will be coming due again in January. Mr. Ives explains it is best to keep them staggered for record keeping. Motion passed 3-0.
 - Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Lou Brodeur and Barbara White to Homeland Security as regular members with terms expiring 10/27/2015. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion with Sean Johnston from CL&P regarding Saving Energy Program:** Mr. Johnston gives the board information on becoming a clean energy community. The goal is to reduce energy 20% by 2018. There is no financial commitment to the Town and no repercussions if the goals are not met. If the energy usage is reduced, bills will also be reduced. There is also a point reward system that makes Brooklyn eligible for grants up to \$5,000. Mr. Ives states he has had extensive conversations with Mr. Johnston and sees no reason why Brooklyn should not participate in the program. The Town has made some improvements previously and this program can expand on those. Mr. Voccio inquires about a Light the Night program. Mr. Johnston is not familiar with this program but will get the information and pass it along. Mr. Kelleher made a motion that the First Selectman be empowered to sign the clean energy municipal pledge on behalf of the Town of Brooklyn. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Ives would like to set up a committee at the next meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

6. **Discussion on Storm Water Discharge MS4 Permit:** Mr. Ives states he, Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Rukstela attended a seminar regarding this permit and will pass along an informational packet to Mr. Voccio for review and discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Ives states there are many aspects involved including a lot of mapping and does not understand how this could all be implemented.
7. **Discussion on Master Municipal Agreement:** Information packet was sent to the Selectmen for review. Mr. Kelleher states he did not receive it. Mr. Voccio will forward his copy. Discussion to be held at the next meeting.
8. **Discussion on 2015/16 Budget Process:** Mr. Ives will have this process in motion by November 15th and start looking at numbers by January 1st. Mr. Ives is in agreement with Mr. Voccio to begin the capital process as well.
9. **Discussion/Action on 2015 Meeting Dates:** A regular meeting list was produced for the second and last Thursday of each month, with a few dates that fall on holidays. The dates in question are February 12th, purposed to only hold one meeting this month on the 26th, November 26th, proposed to be held on November 24th, and December 31st, proposed to be held on December 29th. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting dates as proposed. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
10. **Update on 2014-15 Budget:** No update needed
11. **Update on Town Office Move:** Approximately \$1,800 has been used to move the offices from the Town Hall to the CBGMC and another \$2,000 will be spent to hang wires. The Teen Center is almost completed. There are outside lights that need to be replaced. Approximately \$4,200 of the \$6,500 renovation budget has been spent.
12. **Update on Veterans Day:** There will be a ceremony at the monuments across from Mortlake Fire Department on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 1:00pm. Mr. Ives will ask for the area to be mowed and raked and the monuments cleaned.
13. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion
14. **Calls for Service:** No discussion
15. **Liaison Reports:** None
Mr. Voccio made a motion to add the Homeland Security Resolution to the agenda. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
16. **Homeland Security Resolution:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adopt the Homeland Security Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute and deliver all documents on behalf of the Town as described in the resolution in the packet. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
17. **Other Business**
 - Mr. Ives will inquire on Echip – self-insured medical insurance and ask for a quote.
 - Mr. Voccio attended the Teen Center open house and is extremely pleased with the look and amount of space. There are a couple safety concerns that should be addressed prior to opening such as the water heater needs protection and the bottom cabinets. As the center progresses, a security system may be needed.
 - An article was published regarding a service member and his daughter was awarded a house in Brooklyn from the Bank of America. The Selectmen were not aware of this prior to the press article and agrees it would have been a great thing to involve the Town.
 - Mortlake will hold their appreciation dinner Saturday night.
 - Mr. Kelleher will meet with the Ethics committee Monday night. Mr. Voccio forwarded his comments previously.

18. Approve Bills: Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills as seen earlier. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

19. Public Comment: None

20. Adjourn: Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary