

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 8, 2014  
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

**Present:** Joe Voccio, Rick Ives, Bob Kelleher, and April Blymiller; Recording Secretary

**Also Present:** Tom Rukstela and WINY

1. **Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All Selectmen in attendance.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Robert Kelleher made a motion to approve the April 24, 2014 minutes. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** No comments
4. **Approve Resolution:** Joe Voccio made a motion to accept the resolution as presented and authorize the Town to complete the resolution and submit it. Robert Kelleher seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **2013-2014 Budget Discussion:** At the next Board of Selectman meeting, Rick Ives will have a projection of the next 4-5 weeks to see how departments are doing for the end of the 2013-2014 budget year. There will be a return total of \$800,000.

Resource Recovery has not met its revenue in three years, but also has not exceeded its expenses either. The committee discussed that they should talk with them next year concerning a lot of changes that are affecting them. The recycling effort is helping to reduce the amount of trash that is being taken in. The summer hours (10am-6pm) will take effect on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

6. **2014-2015 Budget Discussion:** The committee believes that the budget is a good one, but Joe Voccio feels that there is a lot of money being transferred from the reserves to offset the budget. Rick Ives and Joe Voccio are not pleased about only having 9% in reserve, but the budget is still good.
7. **Ethics Ordinance Update:** The paperwork will be available for the next meeting.
8. **Putnam Technology Park Update:** Rick Ives met with Doug Cutler and found out that things are moving quickly. The maintenance fee has been changed to 10% for the first town and any other towns after that will be at 20%. An Official Board of Directors will not be able to happen.

Rick Ives wants the committee's recommendations on moving forward before his next meeting. He also wants to hold a meeting to talk about this and discuss/vote about how to move forward. If they do want to move forward, there should be a public hearing to explain the premise.

9. **Road Maintenance Update:** Spring road work is going well; 2 miles of road have been paved. North Society Road, which was badly in need, and 1.3 miles done at the end of Windham Road. There will be some drainage and guiderail work to be done before the end of the year. As of today, May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Highway Department is on their third run of sweeping, starting towards Prince Hill Road. They started at the end of their list this year due to the late snow. About 3 weeks more of sweeping to be done.
10. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion.
11. **Approve Bills:** None

**12. Motion to Add to the Agenda:** Joe Voccio made a motion to add Other Business as an agenda item. Rick Ives seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

**13. Other Business:** Joe Voccio discussed the request for proposal (RFP) for the potential purchase of the Fire Rescue truck from Capital. The fire company is having a hard time getting the manufactures to take the request seriously without some commitment from the Town. Joe Voccio wants to issue the RFP in advance of the town meeting because of the amount of savings for the fire truck. Rick Ives discussed waving the bidding process for the fire truck because of the due diligence the Fire Commissioners have done. He also discussed having a separate paragraph especially about bidding on fire trucks because their process is unique to other bidding processes.

Joe Voccio made a motion that for purposes of the fire rescue vehicle that is purposed by the Capital Program that the Town wave the need for a third bid and give the fire company the authority to continue ongoing negotiations with both manufactures with the purpose of getting one of them under a deposit. Robert Kelleher seconded the motion. Further discussion: Rick Ives thinks that it is a good idea because if it does not happen the Town might have to wait for another truck at a higher price or lose the deposit. Motion passed 3-0.

Robert Kelleher discussed that on Earth Day, he was at Riverside Park with the Conservation Commission and the Highway Department. All the members were working hard picking up trash and debris. He was very concerned about the amount of trash bags that they found and the amount of trash they picked up on the side of the road and was wondering if the Resident Troopers could watch out for the littering. Robert Kelleher also urges the public to report people who are dumping garbage illegally. The park looks good thanks to the Conservation Commission and the Highway Department.

An update on Route 169, NECOG was in the process of revising an old report and the strategy of what to do with the road. The suggestion is to go out a ½ mile to a 1 mile off the road and talk about the different places that are in that area, along with the businesses/places that are directly on Route 169.

**14. Public Comment:** Tom Rukstela wanted to know what was left in the Highway Department's budget from the Board of Finance meeting yesterday night. The fuel tanks have been taken out of the budget until next year, but nothing else was changed other than how the pickup is being financed.

**15. Executive Session to discuss union negotiations for insurance:** Ives made a motion to proceed to the executive session at 7:10pm to discuss union negotiations for insurance. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Executive session ended at 8:06pm with no actions.

**16. Adjourn:** Rick Ives motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

April N. Blymiller  
Recording Secretary