

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2015
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: WINY Radio and the Bulletin

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 meeting minutes of 3/26/15 and 4/16/15. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None. Mr. Voccio would like to add this item to the end of the agenda if there is any attendance.
4. **Accept Resignation:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept Derek Wesolowski's resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission, with regret. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on Commission Vacancies:** Mr. Ives spoke with Jean Flemming and he is interested in volunteering on Planning & Zoning. He was sent a questionnaire to complete and this will be on the next agenda. Mr. Ives will be speaking with residents in Quebec Square concerning the opening on the housing authority. There are several vacancies and any suggestions for volunteers would be helpful.
6. **Discussion on Rose Wing Roof:** A building committee will need to be established in order to apply for grants. Authorization will be needed from the Board of Education and then a Town Meeting will be needed to appoint the committee. Mr. Ives is open to suggestions for members. This will be on the next agenda for discussion.
7. **Discussion on Sidewalk Project:** All requirements have been met and the RFP will be ready in the next ten days or so. Discussion on hiring a clerk of the works. This will be on the next agenda for discussion.
8. **Discussion on Sidewalk Ordinance:** Mr. Kelleher researched the ordinance and statute. The statute states if the property owner abuts the sidewalk, it is their responsibility for snow and ice removal. Our ordinance does not state it has to be shoveled. Mr. Ives believes a change was made last year that made it harder to put back on the homeowner. If we maintain the sidewalks, we assume liability. Mr. Ives believes current practice should continue. Mr. Kelleher agrees. Mr. Voccio agrees for residential but not for commercial where there is a third party company removing the snow. They should clear the sidewalks and not dispose of the snow on the public way. Mr. Kelleher believes there may be language regarding dumping snow on public ways and will research it and bring to the next meeting.

- 9. Discussion on 2015/16 Budget:** Mr. Voccio feels the reserve was tapped quite a bit and is not sure a zero percent increase was the way to go. A small increase should have been considered. Mr. Kelleher agrees but states it is not the Board of Selectmen's decision. The concern will be if there is a similar gap next year. Mr. Ives does not think an increase this year would help next year. Mr. Ives believes Hartford is close to a resolution and it looks like the resident trooper program will be staying at 70%. Mr. Voccio comments that Mr. Ives and Sherry Holmes did a great job preparing the budget and calculating the savings, though it does not seem the Board of Education was as cooperative to share their savings.
- 10. Call for Service:** No discussion
- 11. Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion
- 12. Liaison Reports:** Mr. Voccio reports the Capital Committee will meet in September to follow up on open projects.
- 13. Other Business**
- Planning and Zoning currently collects the publication fees upfront and will reimburse the applicant if all of the fees are not used. Mr. Kelleher feels the fees are too high and should be lowered. Publishing them in the Villager will save some money. This is currently being looked into.
 - The wolf heads from the Putnam Isreal statute that were stolen in the 1980's have been recovered. An anonymous resident purchased them from an auction and donated them back. The Selectmen express their thanks and appreciation.
 - The technology park had their ground breaking. Mr. Ives will keep in contact during this project.
 - A resident would like 'No Thru Trucks' sign installed on Day Street. Mr. Ives explains there is a process through the State Highway Commission to request such and an approval period. Mr. Voccio will convey this.
 - Enterprise car rental will be coming into the old Savings Institute building on South Main Street.
 - Sunset Drive, Sunset Ext., and Cara Road have been paved this year.
- 14. Approve Bills:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$68,409.12. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 15. Executive Session:** Nothing to discuss, was not held.
- 16. Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary