

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2015
6pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: David Fuss, Jeff Otto and Fran from the Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to table the approval of minutes until they have reviewed. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Accept BEMHS Resignation:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept the resignation from Barbara White from Homeland Security, with regret. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Registrar of Voter Discussion:** A new law will be passed that the Town's must pay for training for the registrar of voters, \$200 per person. The deputies will not be required to be paid for by the Town.
6. **Discussion on Town Sand/Gravel Permit:** The Town has had an agreement with Rawson to allow them to haul rock off of Town property at the landfill in exchange they made road sand for the highway department. It was questioned by two residents if this was unethical and they approached the Ethics Commission. Mr. Ives states we should have the agreement in writing and questions if we should have a permit and adhere to purchasing procedures. The Selectmen agree there should be an agreement in writing. Mr. Ives will work on this further.
7. **Discussion on Budget:** The final numbers from the school should be in tomorrow. As of now, there is a shortfall in revenue from State money and prior year taxes estimation. The total is approximately net \$250,000. Sherri will have the balance transfers completed for the end of the month and the capital figures as well.
8. **Discussion on Recreation Equipment:** The tractor that is used mainly in the winter time to plow the sidewalks was damaged over the weekend and it will be approximately \$4,000 to fix. It would cost approximately \$30,000 to replace it. There are size requirements we have to meet so it will fit on the sidewalks to plow. The tractor is a few years old and may not be worth fixing. Mr. Ives is going to look into fixing or replacing the tractor further and will report at the next meeting.
9. **NECCOG Discussion:** The Town switched vendors for revaluation for the next cycle, it will be Vision Appraisal. The paramedic intercept program will be increasing because Killingly has withdrawn and went out on their own.

10. Planning & Zoning Update: The real estate closings in June and July were the biggest in a long time. The commercial activity has increased. Dunkin Donuts has proposed to buy the Church property across from Wal Mart and this would include two retail pads as well. They would use the traffic light that Wal Mart uses. Mr. Townsend has applied for a new design behind the pharmacy which would include 8,000 sq. foot office space, 5,000 sq. foot retail space, 5,000 sq. foot restaurant space and other smaller office or retail spaces. Enterprise car rental is up and running at the former Savings Institute location. They may look into acquiring more parking space. There is Japanese bamboo taking over on South Main Street and we are working on a plan to get rid of it. Mr. Voccio asks if Planning and Zoning can attach exhibits from their meetings to the minutes on the website. It is not always possible to make the meetings and this would make the information more accessible to residents. Mr. Ives will look into this and ask it to be done in the future.

11. Calls For Service: No discussion.

12. Public Comment

- Jeff Otto – Mr. Otto urges the Selectmen to strongly research leasing or financing options for our fleet of trucks or equipment.
- Joe Voccio – Mr. Voccio notes the minutes needing approval are May 26, July 2, July 22, July 29, July 30 and August 12.

13. Adjourn: Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary