

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 9, 2014
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: Bruce Parsons, Gary Zurek, Russ Elam, Marion Kervin and WINY radio

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 meeting minutes from December 30, 2013. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Kelleher was under the impression he was also on the capital committee, but the minutes did not reflect that. Mr. Ives clarifies Mr. Kelleher will also be on the capital committee.
3. **Public Comment:**
 - Gary Zurek and Russ Elam from the Colonial Baptist Church present a letter to the board. The church has been using the Tiffany Street Community Center for a few years and is pleased with the use of the facility. During the winter months, the church meets there on a biweekly basis due to a long standing commitment to another church group using the facility. The church is requesting use of the downstairs portion of the building which recently became vacant. The church is offering to tidy up the place with some cleaning and fresh paint and also donating chairs for the use of all patrons. Mr. Ives would like to give this consideration and put it on the next Board of Selectmen agenda for discussion. Mr. Zurek provides letters from people who attend the program for the record.
 - Marion Kervin voices her appreciation to Mr. Ives for taking ownership on the oversight of the salt shed roof not going to Town Meeting.
4. **Discussion on Housing Authority Agreement:** Mr. Voccio begins discussion with asking Mr. Parsons what the direction of the Housing Authority is. Mr. Parsons explains the building was built with federal funds and was not self-sufficient. The Housing Authority did not have funds to maintain the building and the Town took over maintenance. The offices for the Housing Authority were previously located in the building but are now located in the Quebec Square building. Putnam is running the facility and there are funds that will be coming in for rehabilitation of the buildings. Joe Voccio made a motion to proceed with the operating agreement with some minor edits to profit description language and also on page 5 changing the signatory from Austin Tanner to Richard Ives, making those adjustments and forwarding the

operating agreement to the Housing Authority for execution. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **Discussion on Town Meeting:** The Town Meeting was held last night concerning the property ordinance. Mr. Ives reports it went quick and smooth.
6. **Discussion on Town Forum:** Mr. Ives is planning an open forum to invite the public to discuss anything they would like at the end of February.
7. **Set Budget Workshop Dates:** Two meetings were set for February 1st and 8th from 9am-12pm at the Town Hall.
8. **Update on Website Redesign:** Mr. Ives reports he is close to choosing a company and would like to invite the Selectmen in to share the information.
9. **Update on Town Treasurer:** Mr. Ives has appointed Cassandra Leach as the treasurer until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2014.
10. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion.
11. **Calls for Service:** No discussion.
12. **Other Business:** Mr. Voccio will coordinate a meeting for the end of the month for the capital committee to meet.
13. **Public Comment:** Mr. Zurek questions what the revenue from Wal Mart will be and how it affects the tax rate. Mr. Ives states the assessment is not approved yet but will get an answer. Mr. Zurek also questions why he received a tax bill on December 30th when the due date was January 1st. He does not feel it is an adequate amount of time to pay the bill. Mr. Ives agrees it should be mailed sooner but you have until the end of January to pay.
14. **Approve Bills:** No bills to approve.
15. **Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Secretary