

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday February 6, 2014  
6:00 Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

**Present:** Rick Ives, Joe Voccio & Melissa Bradley; Secretary  
Arrived at 6:30 – Bob Kelleher

**Also Present:** Russ Elam, Gary Zurek & WINY radio

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
2. **Public Comment:** Mr. Zurek complimented the Town on the snow removal from the last storm.
3. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 1/9/14. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.
4. **Appointments:** Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint Jeannine Noel and Diane Wimmer as regular members to Conservation with terms expiring 2/12/2017 and reappoint David Fuss as a regular member to WPCA with a term expiring 3/01/2019. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.
5. **Discussion on Community Center – Colonial Baptist Church:** Joe Voccio made a motion to table this discussion until Mr. Kelleher arrives. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.
6. **Discussion on Housing Authority Agreement:** Mr. Ives is ready to sign the agreement. Mr. Voccio questions if they could hold any meetings at night since they only hold four a year. Mr. Ives will ask.
7. **Approve Jim Boyle Proclamation:** There will be an event held in Jim Boyle's memory Saturday night and Mr. Voccio would like to present a proclamation that evening. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the proclamation identifying Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> as Jim Boyle Remembrance Day in Brooklyn. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio states Jim was a remarkable guy and was very supportive in his neighborhood; this is a fantastic event and a fantastic way to remember him. Motion passed 2-0.
8. **Discussion on Town Forum:** Forum will be held on March 24 at the middle school. This will be advertised closer to the date. All boards and commissions are encouraged to attend and residents as well. Mr. Voccio is supportive of the notion and it will be great to hear concerns and ideas.
9. **Discussion on 2014-15 Budget – Capital – Workshops:** The February 8<sup>th</sup> workshop will be cancelled and rescheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
10. **Discussion on 2013 Grand List:** Reval will be due in 2015 and data collection starts in April of this year.

- 11. Discussion on Worcester Urban Funds – Sidewalks:** It was an unanimous decision at the NECCOG meeting to use the Worcester Urban funds to build the missing sidewalk from Walmart to the bridge. There will be approximately \$370,000 available for the project.
- 12. Discussion on STEAP Grants – Possibly Projects:** Mr. Ives is looking into some drainage issues on Day Street and Prince Hill, also catch basins on Ennis Road and Stetson Road. Mr. Kelleher suggests sidewalks in the center of Town.

**Resume Discussion on #5:** Mr. Ives requested from Attorney Brouillard the second opinion letter he sent in April of last year. The church is requesting use of the lower section of the Tiffany Street Community Center. The church provides services to the communities such as music, tutoring, health and finance workshops. They service many children located in Quebec square and feel this is a good location for them. Mr. Ives is looking into several different uses for the space but is not opposed to the church using the space. Mr. Kelleher states he was the one who requested the legal opinion because he was uncomfortable with church services using the building. Listening to Mr. Elam and Mr. Zurek, Mr. Kelleher states there sounds to be opportunities to children and adults and those in Quebec square. Mr. Ives will put this item on the agenda at the end of February.

- 13. Approve Bills:** Mr. Voccio made a motion to approve the previously reviewed bills. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 14. Public Comment:** None.
- 15. Executive Session - Discuss Union Arbitration Decision and Personnel Matter concerning Salary Steps:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to go into executive session to discuss union arbitration decision and personnel matter concerning salary steps at 6:52pm. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Executive session adjourned at 7:20pm.
- 16. 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