Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 29, 2014
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

Also Present: Gene Michael Deary, Sandy Brodeur, Ken Dykstra, Drew Dionne and Austin Tanner

- 1. Call to Order: Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.
- 2. Approve Previous Minutes: Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 5/8/2014 for discussion. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Item #5; states there will be \$800,000 returned to the general fund; this amount should be \$108,000. Motion amended to reflect the change and seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of 5/7/2014 as presented. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3. Public Comment: Mr. Tanner thanks the Selectmen for paying the step increase he did not receive while in office. He does not agree with how the withholdings were calculated. Over 25% was withheld and Mr. Tanner feels this was not done correctly and too much was withheld. Mr. Ives agrees it was a challenging matter to work out and is willing to take another shot at it. Mr. Tanner is prepared to have his attorney involved if need be. Mr. Kelleher suggests asking the IRS for assistance. Mr. Ives reiterates he will look into the matter again and the other Selectmen agree.

4. Appointments

- Resource Recovery: Bob Kelleher made a motion to appoint Donald Francis as a regular member to Resource Recovery with a term expiring 01/01/2017. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Ethics: Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint Pam Childs and Mike Barry as regular members to Ethics with a term expiring 06/26/2017 for discussion. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio inquires if there has been any other interest from residents to serve on this board. Mr. Ives states there has been none. Motion passed 3-0.
- Resource Recovery: Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept the resignation of Randy Brumbaugh from Resource Recovery. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 5. Approve Budget Resolutions: Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the warning of annual town meeting for Thursday June 5, 2014. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the resolution recommending an appropriation of \$841,600 and bond authorization of \$626,000 for the 2014-2015 capital funding program. Bob Kelleher

seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the resolution to approve 2014-2015 capital funding program resolution for the annual town meeting. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- 6. Call Annual Town Meeting: See item #5.
- **7. Discussion on the Ethics Review:** The Selectmen understood this to be there procedures, not an amendment to the existing ordinance which it looks to be. Mr. Ives will invite members from the Ethics board to the next meeting to discuss this. Item tabled until next meeting.
- **8. Discussion on East Brooklyn Tax District:** The EB tax district asked the Town to collect the fire tax they are currently collecting. This is approximately 250 people. Mr. Ives states this is a small process to set up and will cost very little to do. Joe Voccio made a motion to authorize the First Selectmen to have a discussion with the East Brooklyn Fire District regarding the Town assuming collection and billing of the tax district and crafting an agreement for approval from the Board of Selectmen. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 9. Discussion on Facilities Needs Assessment Committee: Mr. Ives would like to set up a committee to assess the Town buildings and their needs. This would strictly be an assessment committee and not a cost committee. Discussion held on number of members ranging from 7 to 12. Mr. Ives would like to discuss this further at a future meeting.
- **10. Discussion on 2013-2014 Budget:** \$108,000 will be returned from the general government budget. We are still waiting on revenue money from Mashentucket. The board would like a printed list showing what the \$108,000 being returned is made up of.
- 11. Discussion on 2014-2015 Budget: No discussion
- 12. Calls for Service: No discussion
- **13. Approve Bills:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the bills as signed off on today. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 14. Public Comment
 - Drew Dionne questions if Killingly can organize a schedule of capital payments for the high school. Mr. Ives explains the cost cannot be figured until after October 1st and the number of students is calculated. Mr. Dionne believes there should be a way and it would benefit Brooklyn because we could budget the cost accurately. Mr. Ives invites Mr. Dionne to go speak to the council with him.
 - Mr. Tanner questions why the Ethics committee needs approval from the Selectmen for the procedural change; he does not believe they need it. Mr. Ives agrees and will get clarification.
- **15. Executive Session:** Joe Voccio made a motion to go into executive session at 7:35 to discuss pending litigation and partnership contract negotiations regarding the Putnam Tech Park and invite the remaining board of finance members to sit in on the tech park discussion. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Executive session ended at 8:09 with no further action.
- **16. Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley Recording Secretary