

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 24, 2015
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: Linda Trahan, 26 Maynard Rd
Pam Lukin, 28 Maynard Rd
Aaron Kerouack, 82 Windham Rd
Theresa Lazure, 13 Clearview Dr
Marion Kervin, 48 Maynard Rd
WINY Radio and the Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/10/15 as presented. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.
3. **Public Comment:**
 - Aaron Kerouack
 - When the powerline company came through, guard rails were removed in some areas. Mr. Ives states they will fix them.
 - Tax sales should be yearly and a date set ahead of time. Mr. Ives states they are scheduled at every other year currently because of the volume.
 - \$30,000 was approved in Capital for the field repair at the School and the bid came in at \$23,000 and the rest of the funds could be used elsewhere. Mr. Ives states that bid was only for the fencing and the infields, backstops and top soil will also need to be done. Any money left over has to be returned to the general fund.
 - The last Board of Education meeting was very lengthy and the members could use a refresher course on procedures.
 - Marion Kervin
 - Ms. Kervin would like clarification on the tax sale. Mr. Ives explains it will be held in November or February, depending on the attorney and the delinquent tax must be in excess of \$2,000 and 2 years. Currently we have approximately seventeen.
 - A deficient occurred in the budget, mainly due to the lack of State funds and Ms. Kervin states the Town should not depend on funds that are not guaranteed. We now have an

issue of buying sand in this budget. Mr. Ives states we will go out to bid for sand and then would have to go to the Board of Finance for approval.

- Discussion on leasing versus buying a new dump truck and what makes more financial sense. Ms. Kervin questions if maintenance logs are kept on the current trucks and where they are available for inspection. Mr. Ives responds logs are kept and they are at the highway department.

Theresa Lazure

- The traffic light located at Allen Hill and Route 6 does not have a left hand turn signal and this causes traffic back up. Mr. Ives will speak to the State and look into this further.

4. **Approve Resolution:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to Transfer \$250,990.51 from the Undesignated Reserve to the General Fund to Balance the 2014-15 Budget. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio questions if this will close the line item out? Mr. Ives states there will be line transfers done to clean up this item and others. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Set Town Meeting Date:** Rick Ives made a motion to call a Town Meeting on October 15 at 7pm in the Middle School auditorium. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
6. **Update on Sand & Gravel Permits:** Brooklyn Sand and Gravel are in the process of renewing their permit. The Zoning Officer is currently working on it. She had a meeting with the owner today but the outcome is unclear at this time. Mr. Ives will know the outcome and have an answer next week. The current permit is expired but at no fault to the owner, it was delayed on the Town's end.
7. **Update on Commercial Development:** No changes at this time.
8. **Discussion on 2015-16 Budget:** Recreation has a truck that is 11 years old and is in the shop again. The cost to fix it is \$10,620. We are looking into the cost of a new truck because this one is not worth getting fixed. Mr. Voccio wonders if the harsh chemicals the State is using on the roads in the winter is to blame for some of the vehicles issues.
9. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion
10. **Calls for Service:** No discussion
11. **Other Business:**
 - Mr. Voccio reports the Board of Education met and there was a heavy turnout. A lot of discussion on the traffic pattern and snow removal was held. Mr. Ives states there have been many discussions on changes but nothing definite yet. The student drop-offs are going smooth; it is the pick-up process where the issue lies. The Town Engineer is going to take a look at the layout and make necessary suggestions.
 - Mr. Kelleher reports that an architect was chosen for the Rose Wing roof project and was out yesterday to take measurements. It will be three weeks to a month before it is ready to go out to bid and the state approves it. Realistically, it will be December.
 - Mr. Voccio reports the fire alarm project is continuing, there is some wiring left and the devices are close to being installed.

12. **Approve Bills:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$73,315.88. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio is waiting on a few answers from Sherri, but they won't impact the total. Mr. Kelleher noticed the water bill is high at the Community Center. Mr. Ives states there was an issue with a running toilet but had a plumber come out to fix it. He will have him look into it again. Motion passed 3-0.
13. **Public Comment:** Discussion continued regarding the truck traffic on Maynard Rd. and whether Brooklyn Sand and Gravel are legally operating. An issue of the amount of trucks operating daily with this company and their permit is expired are the major concerns. The residents feel these are two separate issues and the trucks operating violation is being ignored. They feel they should be looked at separately. Mr. Ives states they are the same issue and are being looked at together. They first have to determine if he is operating against the permit and that outcome will influence the renewal. Mr. Ives reiterates the Zoning Enforcement is dealing with this and he will have an answer next week.
14. **Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary

Richard Ives
First Selectman