



## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT 06234

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Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

Also Present: David Fuss, Aaron Kerouack, Marion Kervin and Theresa Lazure

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1. **Call to order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 1/14/2016 as presented. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments**
  - Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Jeffrey Arends and George Sipila to Inland Wetlands as regular members with a term expiring 02/01/2019. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
  - Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint Craig Dunlop to WPCA as a regular member with a term expiring 02/01/2021. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Fuss states Mr. Dunlop is a valued member and is in favor of his reappointment to the commission. Motion passed 3-0.
  - Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint William Macnamara as a regular member to ZBA with a term expiring 02/01/2021. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
  - Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint Peter Considine to Board of Fire Commissioners as the citizen member with a term expiring 02/01/2019. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Ives states Mr. Considine was out for health issues but is back now. Mr. Ives states there are things he still needs to learn but is impartial and has good ideas. Mr. Voccio states he is appreciative of his comments during capital and has a balanced view of the fire companies. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion/Action on Tax Ordinance:** Joe Voccio made a motion to advance the proposed ordinances. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. The process for motor vehicles starts with a bill mailed, and then two late notices are mailed, then a demand notice, ending with it being sent to the attorney. Personal property mails three notices, real estate also three notices and then a

demand letter and supplement are two late notices and a demand letter. With the proposed ordinance these amounts would be written off for under 5 dollars. If no ordinance, we continue to try to collect. Mr. Kelleher states it should be for 10 dollars, we do not gain by having the attorney chase for less. Bob Kelleher modifies the motion to approve and move to town meeting the ordinance to waive all taxes due in an amount of less than ten (10.00) dollars pursuant to section 12-144c of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve and move to town meeting the ordinance to retain payment in excess of five (5.00) dollars pursuant to section 12-29 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

6. **Discussion/Appointment of Facilities Committee:** Recommendations include; Ryan Brais, Hal Malstrom, Mike Keech, Wendy Harrington, Rick Ives, Ken Dykstra, Al Carpenter and Mae Lyons. Bob Kelleher made a motion to appoint the above members to the facilities assessment committee and be given the charge provided by the First Selectman. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. The charge will be a general assessment of what we have and what we lack. The school is not included. Mr. Kelleher would like all Selectmen to be involved on the committee. It is agreed to include Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Voccio as ex officio members. Motion passed 3-0.
7. **Discussion 2015-16 Budget:** The ECS money is in and accounted for in the revenues.
8. **Technology Park Update:** Mr. Ives met with Putnam today and there is little going on, no bills yet. They are forming an advisory committee and will include the First Selectman and will need 1 more member for Brooklyn. They do have a proposed tenant for one piece of property.
9. **Budget Workshops Schedule:** Budget workshop beginning at 9am on Saturday. Mr. Ives states he will need to leave around 11:15 for a prior engagement.
10. **Liaison reports:**

Board of Education – Joan Trivella was elected the new member with a 4-1 vote. The first budget meeting was rescheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Capital – Ready to begin and waiting on requests. No boards are ready at this point.
11. **Other Business:** The Selectmen will attend the Ethics meeting on Monday at 7pm to discuss the ordinance.
12. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$332,991.74. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
13. **Public Comment:** Aaron Kerouack questions when the new tax ordinance will begin and where will the money retained under 5\$ go? Mr. Ives states it will be in effect for 7-01-2016 and it goes away, it is not retained on the books. Mr. Kerouack requests the charge of the facilities assessment committee be posted on the website and when will the committee dissolve? Mr. Ives will put it on the website and they dissolve upon report.

Marion Kervin inquiries about the offer from NFA for transportation for two years and what the charges would be after that. Mr. Ives states it is up to the board of education to decide. Ms.

Kervin agrees with the refunds and says it is a good idea. Ms. Kervin would like clarification of the personnel split in the land use office. Mr. Ives stated Jana is now planning and Martha is doing the enforcement for inland/wetlands, blight and planning & zoning.

- 14. Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa J. Bradley". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Melissa J. Bradley  
Recording Secretary

**GL 2014****# of Accounts Billed    Amount Billed****Motor Vehicles**

Under \$5	195	\$885.12
Under \$10	206	\$943.92

**Supplemental Motor Vehicles**

Under \$5	60	\$195.57
Under \$10	62	\$206.16

**Personal Property**

Under \$5	30	\$90.91
Under \$10	55	\$274.60

**Real Estate**

Under \$5	6	\$10.07
Under \$10	17	\$95.59

## 2015 GRAND LIST

## TOTALS

	2014	2015	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Real Estate	\$480,388,320	\$445,797,180	-\$34,591,140	-7.20%
Personal Property	\$20,909,608	\$41,709,754	\$20,800,146	99.48%
Motor Vehicle	\$52,953,619	\$55,966,295	\$3,012,676	5.69%
Total	\$554,251,547	\$543,473,229	-\$10,778,318	-1.94%



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### An Ordinance Concerning the Refunding of Taxes

Pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Tax Collector for the Town of Brooklyn is hereby authorized to retain payments in excess of the amount due provided the amount of the excess payment is less the five (5.00) dollars.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

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Sec. 12-129. Refund of excess payments. Any person, firm or corporation who pays any property tax in excess of the principal of such tax as entered in the rate book of the tax collector and covered by his warrant therein, or in excess of the legal interest, penalty or fees pertaining to such tax, or who pays a tax from which the payor is by statute exempt and entitled to an abatement, or who, by reason of a clerical error on the part of the assessor or board of assessment appeals, pays a tax in excess of that which should have been assessed against his property, or who is entitled to a refund because of the issuance of a certificate of correction, may make application in writing to the collector of taxes for the refund of such amount. Such application shall be delivered or postmarked by the later of (1) three years from the date such tax was due, (2) such extended deadline as the municipality may, by ordinance, establish, or (3) ninety days after the deletion of any item of tax assessment by a final court order or pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 12-53 or section 12-113. Such application shall contain a recital of the facts and shall state the amount of the refund requested. The collector shall, after examination of such application, refer the same, with his recommendations thereon, to the board of selectmen in a town or to the corresponding authority in any other municipality, and shall certify to the amount of refund, if any, to which the applicant is entitled. The existence of another tax delinquency or other debt owed by the same person, firm or corporation shall be sufficient grounds for denying the application. Upon receipt of such application and certification, the selectmen or such other authority shall draw an order upon the treasurer in favor of such applicant for the amount of refund so certified. Any action taken by such selectmen or such other authority shall be a matter of record, and the tax collector shall be notified in writing of such action. Upon receipt of notice of such action, the collector shall make in his rate book a notation which will date, describe and identify each such transaction. Each tax collector shall, at the end of each fiscal year, prepare a statement showing the amount of each such refund, to whom made and the reason therefor. Such statement shall be published in the annual report of the municipality or filed in the town clerk's office within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year. Any payment for which no timely application is made or granted under this section shall permanently remain the property of the municipality. Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a refund based upon an error of judgment by the assessors. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the legislative body of a municipality may, by ordinance, authorize the tax collector to

retain payments in excess of the amount due provided the amount of the excess payment is less than five dollars.





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### An Ordinance Waiving All Taxes Due in an Amount Less Than \$5.00

Be it resolved by the Brooklyn Board of Selectman that pursuant to Section 12-144c of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the Town of Brooklyn hereby waives all taxes due in an amount less than five (\$5.00) dollars.

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Sec. 12-144c. Optional waiver of property tax under twenty-five dollars. Any municipality may waive any property tax due in an amount less than twenty-five dollars by action of its legislative body.