

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 14, 2016
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: Davis Fuss, Aaron Kerouack, WINY radio and the Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Public Comment:** Mr. Fuss comments of the deteriorating roof at the community center. Mr. Ives states he does not have funds in the budget to fix it but is looking into a Small Cities grant for the funds. There also needs to be a solution to keep the kids off the roof.
3. **Accept Resignations:**

Planning & Zoning: Dale Thompson is currently a regular member. He has a new job that conflicts with his active placement on the board. Mr. Ives states he is willing to stay on as an alternate and this would not be a conflict. Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept the resignation from Dale Thompson as a regular member of Planning & Zoning and to appoint him as an alternate member with a term expiring 10/1/2019. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Emergency Management/Homeland Security: Mr. Ives reports Kevin Filchak received a full time job and he will be unable to uphold his membership on BEMHS. Mr. Voccio wishes Mr. Filchak the best of luck, he is a bright energetic individual and brought a lot to the Town with his service. Joe Voccio made a motion to regretfully accept Kevin Filchak's resignation from BEMHS. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Conservation: Beverly Thornton has been an enthusiastic member of the board and is unable to continue due to health issues. Mr. Ives will send a letter thanking her for her service and wishing her well. Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept Beverly Thornton's resignation from Conservation, with regret. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
4. **Approve Bonding Resolution:** This resolution will allow the First Selectman and Treasurer to sign the needed paperwork to pay down the bonds as scheduled by the Board of Finance. Once the paydowns are completed, the bond amount will be lowered. Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the resolution relating to general obligation bond anticipation notes. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **Approve USDA Resolution:** This resolution will allow the First Selectman and Treasurer to receive and expend the remaining funds of the grant for the sewer upgrades. Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept the resolution and authorize the expenditure of grants from the United States Department of Agriculture. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
6. **Discussion on the 2015-16 Budget:** Mr. Ives reports about \$750,000 will be used to balance the 15-16 budget. This is less than the original amount of \$811,000.
7. **Set Town Meeting Date:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to set a Town meeting for August 16th at 7pm in the Middle School Auditorium. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. There are two ordinances for the tax collector and one for ethics that is still awaiting approval. Motion passed 3-0.
8. **Sidewalk Budget Update:** There were five bids received ranging from \$98,000-\$165,000. Mr. Ives checked into the low bidder and they have very good references and Mr. Ives is familiar with some of their work. The bid has been awarded to Eleuthera. They should be starting in a week or so. The fire hydrant was moved today.
9. **Roads and Highway Update:** Mr. Ives states South Main Street will be the next road project. Last year's bid was \$355,000; it will need to be updated. LOCIP funds will be used for funding. Mr. Ives is looking into having every road, bridge, culvert, etc. logged by gps.
10. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion
11. **Calls for Service:** No discussion
12. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve two batches of bills; up to \$338,247.16 and up to \$35,417.79. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. The highway director is supposed to be signing off on driveway bonds, Mr. Ives will make sure this is done. Motion passed 3-0.
13. **Other Business:** Truck bids will be opened on Friday at 10am at the Town Hall. The roof bids will be opened next Thursday at 10am at the Town Hall.
14. **Public Comment:** Mr. Fuss questions if South Main Street will be a rebuild. Mr. Ives responds yes, it will.

Mr. Fuss states the WPCA has info that can be incorporated with the Town when the gps project takes off.
15. **Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary