

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 12, 2014  
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 5/29/14 for discussion. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio would like to reflect on his comments from the discussion last meeting when Mr. Tanner thanked the Selectmen for paying the pay increase that he did not receive while in office. Mr. Voccio thinks the step increase was a matter of considerable debate and to have Mr. Tanner's comments reflect we corrected a wrong is an incorrect conclusion as well as him believing the withholdings were done incorrectly, Mr. Voccio does not feel this is true. Motion passed 3-0.  
Mr. Ives made a motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2014 for discussion. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Ives comments the meeting was one minute long, Mr. Voccio arrived after adjournment. Motion passed 2-0 (Voccio abstained).
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion on Ethics Review:** The Ethics board is making changes to the current ordinance and will attend the meeting at month end to discuss changes. They also are looking at the policy and procedures but that does not have to come to the Board of Selectmen.
5. **Discussion on Finance Director:** Resumes have been received and Mr. Ives will forward six candidates he is interested in looking at to the board to rank and then the Selectmen and Board of Finance will decide the next step for interviews. Mr. Ives states there were not a lot of resumes received, but believes it is a good starting group.
6. **Discussion on Facilities Needs Assessment Committee:** The board agrees this should be a committee of seven people. Mr. Ives clarifies this is a feasibility committee with needs assessment. He is looking for suggestions on the existing buildings now and in five years. Mr. Voccio feels the majority of the committee should be at large members and suggests Mr. Ives provides each member a brief narrative of the committee. Mr. Ives asks the Selectmen for member suggestions.
7. **Discussion on Peddlers, Solicitors & Salesman Ordinance:** The Town Clerk is looking to increase the fees because Brooklyn is the cheapest town around and tends to get more solicitors because of it. The Clerk proposes to be more comparable with surrounding Towns. Mr. Ives will invite

Leona Mainville to the month end meeting for more discussion and send the Selectmen the redlined version of the ordinance.

**8. Other Business**

- Mr. Ives explains the Children's Probate Court will be moving to Putnam with the Probate Court but moving into the new location is taking longer than expected. The Children's Court has agreed to pay month to month for rent until the move.
- Mr. Ives will send the Selectmen revenue and expense reports more frequently, they change more often at this time of the year. The transportation revenue for 13-14 budget was counted twice; using the surplus, this leaves the revenues in the negative approximately \$47,000. There are more revenues still expected to come in before June 30<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Ives is expectant this will be wiped out.

**9. Approve Bills:** Mr. Ives reports he did some checking with the legal counsel on the filing of W-4 forms and was told to accept it, it is not our responsibility. Mr. Voccio credits Mr. Ives for being enormously gracious. As Mr. Voccio understands it, the check had been paid and cashed, the taxes had been paid and the W-4 came in asking for some relief and now we are going through the machinations to provide that relief and he feels it is a lousy precedence to accommodate someone and he himself could not have done it. Mr. Ives states this is the last of the situation and nothing else will be done. Mr. Voccio hopes the same situation does not come up for another employee. Mr. Ives explains the difference was current employees had an ongoing stream of income and that situation did not happen. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**10. Executive Session:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to go into executive session at 7:04pm to discuss health insurance negotiations and Putnam Tech Park negotiations. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Executive session ended at 7:19 with no actions.

**11. Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley  
Recording Secretary