

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 6, 2016  
6:30pm Brooklyn Town Hall**

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

**Also Present:** Ken Dykstra and Aaron Kerouack

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:32pm
- 2. Public Comment:** None
- 3. Discussion and Examination of Existing Ordinances:**
  - **7-2 Parking Prohibited at Certain Hours During Certain Months for Snow Removal –** There are conflicting dates when this ordinance is in effect. Ordinance states October 1 through April 30 but stated in a different section as November 1 through April 1. The streets most affected by this are South Main Street and South Street. The intent is only during snow storms. Because of issues in the past, no parking signs were put up but then people would be ticketed during the non-winter months so they were removed and the parking issues resumed. Currently, if there is a parking issue, Troop D is contacted and they are responsible for towing the vehicle. The Selectmen agree this should only be during winter storms when parking is interfering with clearing the streets. Mr. Ives will obtain language from other Towns who have a similar policy and present a revision at the next meeting. It is agreed in section 13-2 to delete the asterisked sentence \*See chapter VII, traffic, for regulations prohibiting parking on streets between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> for snow removal. (Ord. 3/24/88)
  - **13-3 Adoption of Municipal Liability for Ice and Snow on Public Sidewalks –** Currently the Town plows sidewalks from the bridge (Route 6 coming from Danielson) to just past Tatnic Road, Day Street, Proulx Street and South Main Street. Wal Mart clears the sidewalk in front of their store. The ordinance states it up to the property owner to remove snow, however the Town started taking responsibility around 2007. Mr. Ives states there is a revision to the State Statute with new wording and will get a copy for the Selectmen. Mr. Ives will also inventory all the sidewalks plowed in Town. Mr. Ives will get policies from surrounding Towns who have similar issues. The Selectmen agree there should be wording concerning the removal of snow from private property onto Town or State roads and sidewalks. Mr. Ives will have a revision for the next meeting.

- **13-5 Scenic Road Designation** – Mr. Ives believes the purpose of this ordinance was to ensure roads weren't changed due to developments. Mr. Ives is not convinced there is a need for this ordinance but understands it may be difficult to get rid of it. The solution maybe to lessen the wording along the lines of in the event the road is a scenic road, you cannot change the course of the road. Mr. Voccio states this is a designation by Planning and Zoning and may better be a recommendation from Planning and Zoning to the Board of Selectmen and then to a Town Meeting. Normal maintenance of a road should not be included. Mr. Ives will revise and bring to the next meeting. Mr. Kelleher will assist with the revision and a final look over will be done by the attorney.
  - **13-1.4 Street Excavations** – Mr. Voccio points out there is language in this ordinance stating if a road is dug up then the entire width of the road should be repaved. In many cases, only square patches are being done. Mr. Ives states this is mainly happening by Yankee Gas and we need to enforce this more.
  - Mr. Kelleher questions when they will look at the Ethics ordinance. He does not agree the decision to remove someone from a board should be up to the Selectmen, but up to the said commission. Mr. Ives agrees. Mr. Voccio states if there is an appeal, it would then come to Board of Selectmen. Mr. Ives will have this on the agenda for the 29<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Set Next Meeting Date:** Next meeting will be at the scheduled meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  5. **Public Comment:** Aaron Kerouack suggests if there are 6 things to make it a scenic road, instead of requiring only 1 of the 6, make it all 6. Mr. Kerouack also states Planning and Zoning does not need to be involved in routine maintenance of a road. Mr. Ives agree, but if the course of the road changes, they should.
  6. **Executive Session to Discuss Solar Contract Agreement:** Joe Voccio made a motion to go into executive session to discuss solar contract agreement at 7:26pm. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Joe Voccio made a motion to end executive session at 7:52pm. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
  7. **Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley  
Recording Secretary