

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 29, 2017  
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

**Also Present:** David Fuss, Ken Dykstra, Aaron Kerouack, and Fran from the Bulletin

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- 2. Public Comment:** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 5/25/17 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 4. Appointments:** Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint Pam Childs to the Ethics Commission as a regular member with a term expiring 6/26/2020. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Mike Barry to the Ethics Commission for discussion, as a regular member with a term expiring 6/26/2020. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Mr. Ives states he spoke with the Ethics chairperson, Pam Childs, and she has requested Mike stay on the commission. She feels he is a vital member. Mr. Kelleher states he has no personal reasons not to reappoint Mr. Barry. Mr. Ives has reservations on the reappointment, but has faith in the chairperson, and is willing to honor her request. Mr. Voccio states he has great admiration for the chairperson but cannot support the reappointment. Mr. Kelleher suggests inviting Mike and Pam to the next meeting for discussion. Bob Kelleher made a motion to table this item until the next meeting and invite Mike to come to the discussion. No second.

-Original motion vote- Yay (R.ives) Nay (J.Voccio) Abstain (B.Kelleher) Motion failed.

Joe Voccio made a motion to accept the resignation from Sally Timmons from the Ag Commission, with regret and gratitude for her service. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **2016-17 Budget Discussion:** Mr. Ives reports the Mashentucket revenue will be in today and is the last payment. The school will be asking for funds to cover a deficit.
6. **Software Grant Update:** The software grant money was received Monday.
7. **2017-18 Budget Updates:** No updates at this time
8. **Ethics Discussion:** The board reviews the revised ordinance. Mr. Ives states it is an improvement, but has an issue with the representation section. Mr. Kelleher states he will not vote in favor to send the ordinance to a Town Meeting. Mr. Voccio states there is some material change that needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Ives requests any changes be sent to him prior to the next meeting.
9. **Bans/Bonding Update:** The Town's permanent bonding expired last year and we do not have a bond rating anymore. First South West did not inform the Town of the change until recently. You can purchase a bond rating or solicit banks for private placements. An RFP has gone out to about 25 banks and are due on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
10. **Discussion on Boards/Commission Vacancies:** There are openings on several boards in need of volunteers. A vacancy listing is on our website. Mr. Ives states he is making phone calls weekly asking for volunteers. Anyone willing to volunteer, please visit the First Selectman's Office.
11. **Finance Director Update:** Mr. Ives will be meeting with the superintendent next week to discuss the job description and then advertise.
12. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion
13. **Calls for Service:** No discussion
14. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$292,338,64, voucher #1121, with the exception of a bill to Hooker & Holcombe which is up to the First Selectman's discretion to hold back as necessary. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
15. **Other Business:** Mr. Kelleher states Brooklyn Oil has become a junk yard and would like to see a more active pursuit to clean this property up. Mr. Ives states it is an active file and is being worked on.

Mr. Voccio inquires on the recent vandalism at the Community Center. Mr. Ives states the AC units were vandalized which caused the unit to stop working, but has recently been fixed. The

reoccurring issue of kids getting on the roof and tearing off shingles continues. There are insurance restraints that will not allow fencing. A solution is needed.

**16. Executive Session:** Joe Voccio made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:25pm to discuss pending litigation on a property dispute. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Joe Voccio made a motion to close executive session at 7:35pm. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**17. Public Comment:** Aaron Kerouack suggested using the Urgent Alert on the website to advertise the boards and commission vacancies.

**18. Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley  
Recoding Secretary