

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 2, 2014  
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.
- 2. Approve Previous Minutes:** Bob Kelleher accepted the minutes from 9/18/14 for discussion. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Kelleher states item #3 was not precisely what he said "Mr. Kelleher is concerned why Putnam is unwilling to include a save harmless clause in the contract. Brooklyn could not escape liability or defense costs if a claim for damages was filed." Minutes should reflect "We could not escape liability or defense costs if actions or penalties or fines were assessed by a regulatory agency without the safe harmless." Bob Kelleher amended his motion to accept the minutes with the noted changes. Joe Voccio seconded the amendment. Motion passed 3-0. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9/18/2014 as presented. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Appointments**
  - Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Real Gallant to Inland Wetlands as a regular member with a term expiring 10/10/2017. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
  - Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept Bob Lee's resignation from BEMHS with regret and expresses appreciation for the work and service Bob dedicated. Joe Voccio seconds the motion and states Bob was a terrific asset to the Town and committee and hopes he will find something in Town to get involved with in the future. Motion passed 3-0.
  - Mr. Ives states Cliff Soucy was appointed to Parks and Recreation as a regular member, replacing the vacancy from Dave Guimont, with a term expiring 01/01/2017.
  - Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept Lauren Rossi's resignation from Parks & Recreation with appreciation of her service on the commission. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 5. Discussion on Town Meeting:** Town meeting regarding the Putnam Tech Park is scheduled for Thursday, October 9 at 7pm. Mr. Ives is still waiting for the corrected contract. Discussion held on capping. The Selectmen would like to see a 20 year rate at a rate of X not to exceed X. Mr. Voccio will update the power point shown at the public hearing for the town meeting.
- 6. Discussion on Facilities Needs Assessment Committee:** Mr. Ives is working on forming this committee. He has asked the Board of Finance and Education to suggest a member from their board. Mr. Ives would like Mr. Voccio to be the Board of Selectmen representative.

7. **Discussion on 2014-15 Budget:** Mr. Ives gave the board a copy of the budget to review and will answer any questions if there are any concerns.
8. **Discussion on Boards and Commissions Vacancies:** There are several boards looking for volunteers. Mr. Ives asks for suggestions to fill these vacancies.
9. **Discussion on Real Estate Opportunity:** Mr. Ives states the property adjacent to the Town Hall is for sale and the Town was offered to buy it. Mr. Ives would like to discuss this in executive session at the next meeting. The property is also considered historical property.
10. **Update on Finance Director:** A finance director has been hired and will be starting November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The school is in support of the candidate 100%.
11. **Update on Ethics Committee:** Mr. Kelleher will meet with John Harris and will attending the Ethics committee meeting in November. He asks for input to bring to the meeting. Mr. Voccio will email his comments to Mr. Kelleher and feels it is the procedures that should be revised instead of the ordinance.
12. **Public Comment:** None
13. **Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley  
Recording Secretary



## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Vacancies now exists on the following Boards and Commissions

### **Agriculture Commission**

Vacancies for 2 alternate members

### **Conservation**

Vacancy for 1 regular member and  
Vacancies for 3 alternate members

### **Emergency Management/Homeland Security**

Vacancy for 1 regular member and  
Vacancy for 1 alternate member

### **Housing Authority**

Vacancy for 1 regular member

### **Inland Wetlands**

Vacancies for 2 alternate members

### **Planning & Zoning**

Vacancy for 1 regular member and  
Vacancies for 3 alternate members

### **Parks & Recreation**

Vacancy for 1 regular member

### **Regulations Hearing Officer**

Vacancy for 2 members

### **Resource Recovery**

Vacancies for 2 alternate members

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Vacancy for 1 regular member and  
Vacancies for 3 alternate members

If you are interested in serving on a Board or Commission,  
please fill out the Boards and Commissions Questionnaire and return to:

Rick Ives, First Selectman  
Brooklyn Town Hall

4 Wolf Den Rd. PO Box 356  
Brooklyn, CT 06234 (860) 779-3411

To obtain the questionnaire, visit our website at [www.brooklynct.org](http://www.brooklynct.org) or the Town Hall.

**Melissa Bradley**

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**From:** Bucky Lohbush <b.lohbusch@brooklynct.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:32 PM  
**To:** Melissa Bradley  
**Subject:** FW: [Brooklyn CT] Parks and Rec commission resignation

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lauren Rossi [<mailto:ladybug06234@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2014 10:17 AM  
**To:** [b.lohbusch@brooklynct.org](mailto:b.lohbusch@brooklynct.org)  
**Subject:** [Brooklyn CT] Parks and Rec commission resignation

blohbusch,

Someone has sent you a message using your anonymous contact form on the Brooklyn CT site.

If you don't want to receive such e-mails, you can change your settings at <http://www.brooklynct.org/users/blohbusch>.

Message:

Dear Bucky and Mike,  
Please accept my resignation from the Parks and Rec commission effective immediately.  
I am citing personal reasons and family crisis for reasons i can no longer serve on Parks and Rec.  
I wish the Commission well on the hard work you all do.  
Kind regards,  
Lauren Rossi

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Message sent by: Lauren Rossi ([ladybug06234@hotmail.com](mailto:ladybug06234@hotmail.com))  
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**DATE:** September 9, 2014  
**TO:** Kevin Filchak  
Emergency Manager, BEMHS  
**cc:** Rick Ives, Brooklyn First Selectman  
**FROM:** Robert Lee  
**SUBJECT:** Resignation from BEMHS Committee

After 10 years of participation in Brooklyn's emergency management operations, I believe it is time to allow someone else take over my duties. I did not make this decision lightly, but the press of increasing schedule conflicts with other involvements, including family obligations, made it clear to me that it would be inappropriate for me to continue on this committee knowing full well that I would not be able contribute effectively to it's mission. Thus, I will resign effective at the end of this month.

Should any emergency arise in the future and I am in the area, I will be available to assist in any way I can.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve on this committee and I will miss the personal camaraderie of the group.

Respectfully,

  
Robert F. Lee