

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 31, 2019 6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Rick Ives, Joe Voccio, Wayne Jolley and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Ken Dykstra, Sandy Brodeur, Lou Brodeur, Aaron Kerouack and WINY radio

- 1. Call to Order: Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
- 2. Approve Minutes: Rick Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/10/19 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Public Comment: Joe Voccio took a moment to extend condolences to the Gaudreau family, Mikes father passed away.
- 4. Update and Discussion on Financials: Mr. Ives met with Cheryl the accountant on Monday and made some progress. The revised numbers should be available on Monday. Insurance was put into the system as a liability and then expensed differently so the computer thinks it was paid twice. This was the case in a couple places. 18/19 taxes are on target. PILOT was in twice due to a system error, this will be corrected. Resource Recovery was off due to the increase from Casella on the contractual fees, but this should level off now and get back on track.
- 5. Update on Health Insurance: Superintendents of nine schools formed a group to discuss better buying options of health insurance. They have completed a proposal. It would duplicate the current coverage with savings. There are five schools who are willing to go forward. Mr. Ives is waiting for language to give to the Union groups for discussion.
- **6. Update on Budget & Workshop on 2/2/19:** A budget workshop will be held on Saturday 2/2 at the Town Hall beginning at 8:30am. Budget and employee handbook will be on the agenda.
- 7. Update on Paving/Drainage: Ennis road project will go out to bid on March 1st and done in July. Darby and Wolf Den road are set to be completed as soon as the plants open back up. Many more drainage issues have been found this year. Mr. Ives feels the issues need to be assessed and a master plan made to fix them.
- **8. Update on 2017/18 Capital Budget:** The drainage project at Mortlake was completed and done for \$2,800. Leaf Vac bids came in today and the lowest bidder was 1\$ under budget. \$87,000 has

been spent for school technology, they are using it as needed. Heating controls are almost finished and the parking lots came in at budget.

There have some small issues with equipment this season but nothing too serious.

A mold issue was found in the basement of the Clifford B. Green Building which needs to be addressed along with all the items stored down there. Rick is putting a list together for 19/20 capital which will include this issue.

- 9. Discussion on Sustainable CT: The Conservation Commission will head this project and the Ag Commission has offered their assistance. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the resolution supporting participation in the Sustainable CT Municipal certification program. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Complete resolution attached. Motion passed 3-0.
- **10. Agenda Addition:** Joe Voccio made a motion to add to the agenda discussion on local adaptive designation. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Ives was approached by Mrs. Kirschner whose husband is a Vietnam Vet and is disabled. They have applied for an exemption called specially adaptive housing grant which would exempt him from property taxes. The application process takes years and is very restrictive. For the Town to complete this process, an ordinance would have to be passed. It would solely be for this resident because no one has every applied before and/or been approved. Mansfield was the only Town who had 1 participant. A new ordinance would have to be passed at a Town Meeting. Mr. Ives will research this more and have a draft ordinance to review for the next meeting.

- 11. Single Family Dwellings: No discussion
- 12. Calls for Service: No discussion
- **13. Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve voucher # 1072 in the amount of \$190,277.34. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- **14. Other Business:** Mr. Ives has been working with Patty Buell daily on the joint finance department.

One more member is needed to complete the solar committee. Mr. Ives would like 5 members, 1 Selectman, 1 Board of Ed member, 1 Board of Finance member, 2 residents. He is open to a 7-member board as well.

Mr. Voccio questions the water main break on Day Street. Mr. Ives was not aware of it but knows from past experience they will permanently fix the road in the Spring. This season only allows for patching jobs.

Mr. Ives reports there was a gas leak at the Community Center at the meters and was fixed the same day they were discovered.

15. Public Comment: Sandy Brodeur requests and update on the Town Hall roof. Mr. Ives states he needs to find someone else to come and look at the situation and give a quote so he can include it in the upcoming capital projects.

Mr. Ives states the two positions vacant in finance will be filled.

16. Adjourn: Wayne Jolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley

Recording Secretary



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DATE:

January 31, 2019

TO:

Leona Mainville

FROM:

Richard Ives, First Selectman

RE:

Resource Recovery Commission Meeting Dates

The Resource Recovery Commission will be meeting in 2019 on the second Thursday of every other month, immediately following the Board of Selectmen meeting, at the Clifford B. Green Memorial Center. Dates are as follows:

January 10 March 14 May 9 July 11 September 12 November 14



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BROOKLYN RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE CT MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities, with the vision that: Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.
- WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is designed to boost local economics, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating costs, and provide grants and additional support to municipalities.
- WHEREAS, Brooklyn embraces an ongoing process of working toward greater sustainability, selecting which actions it chooses to pursue from the voluntary menu of actions provided by Sustainable CT.
- RESOLVED, by the Board of Selectmen of Brooklyn that we do hereby authorize the First Selectman to serve as Brooklyn's Sustainable CT contact person for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification process and authorize him/her to complete Municipal Registration on behalf of Brooklyn.
- RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within Brooklyn on matter of sustainability, and in order to promote Board of Selectmen's local initiatives and actions toward Sustainable CT Municipal Certification, Board of Selectmen establishes an advisory Sustainability Team comprised of the Conservation Commission.
- RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Sustainability Team must be held within 90 days of passing this resolution and that the Sustainability Team shall meet frequently as needed, but no less than quarterly.
- RESLOLVED, that the Sustainability Team shall report annually to the Board of Selectmen on the progress of its activities toward Sustainable CT certification, with reports and presentations made publicly available.

Approved 1/31/19
Board of Selectmen

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March 2012 6 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units; 2 Duplex; 2 Single Family Dwellings October 2012 3 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units; 1 Single Family Dwelling August 2011 5 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo units; 3 Single Family Dwellings March 2011 4 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo units; 2 Single Family Dwellings May 2014 SFD buildings consisting of 1 Single Family Dwelling and 3 Condo Units March 2013 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units; 1 Single Family Dwelling October 2013 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units June 2013 SFD buildings consisting of 2 Condo Units



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION Troop D, Danielson

January 10, 2019

First Selectman Richard Ives P. O. Box 356 Brooklyn, Ct 06234

Dear First Selectman Ives:

This correspondence is to keep you apprised of the monthly police services occurring within the Town of Brooklyn. It is my sincere hope that this report will assist you in better understanding our role in your community.

During the month of December 2018 Troop D Troopers responded to 297 Calls for Service in the Town of Brooklyn. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents: 14
Criminal Invest: 9
Burglaries: 0
Larcenies: 1
Non Reportable Matters: 269

In addition to the above investigations Troopers conducted the following motor vehicle enforcement:

DUI'S:1Traffic Citations:81Written Warnings:27

Very truly yours,

Lieutenant John A. Aiello Commanding Officer Troop D, Danielson

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