

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 2019
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

Also Present: Ken Dykstra, Aaron Kerouack, Sandra Brodeur and Lou Brodeur

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1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Wayne Jolley made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/2; 3/23; 3/28; 3/30; and 4/6 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** Aaron Kerouack presents the Selectmen with a resolution regarding Opposing Tolls In Connecticut and asks them to consider passing it. Mr. Ives will circulate this and discuss at a later date.
4. **Appointments:** Rick Ives made a motion to appoint Bob Lee as an alternate member on Resource Recovery with a term expiring 08/01/2021. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on 2018/19 Financials:** Mr. Ives reports approximately \$900,000 was collected today in taxes. The Mashentucket funds were received as well as Municipal Sharing. ECS money will be in at the end of April. BRRRC has increased its revenues now that the nicer weather is coming. Pomfret is discussing opening a bulky waste facility. This would decrease our revenues some because Pomfret residents currently use our facility.
6. **Discussion on 2019/20 Budget:** Mr. Ives intends to have an estimation of what will be returned to the general fund for the Board of Finance May 1st meeting. An updated budget was given to the board with the changed items as discussed. Discussion held on the teacher's pension. The appropriations budget will be out in May, and we will have a better idea where the support is and for what.
7. **Update on Paving/Drainage Project:** The job on Ennis road is about half completed. OSHA was notified of a complaint. OSHA came to investigate, and Mr. Ives does not think it will come to

anything. Proulx street paving will begin next week and then Darby road and the upper end of Wolf Den road.

8. **Set Town Meeting:** Besides the purchase of the community center and the veteran's exemption, a town meeting will be needed to authorize the completion of the solar project. Joe Voccio made a motion to set a Town Meeting for May 2nd for the purchase of the community center and veteran's exemption ordinance and possibly a construction project management for the solar project. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
9. **Discussion on Economic Development:** The commission was tasked with providing a plan with a goal but this was not provided. Mr. Ives removed the requested personnel from the upcoming budget because he does not feel they are ready. Mr. Voccio states he was frustrated with the outcome of the meeting. Mr. Ives states the commercial district needs to be concentrated on and some housing. Discussion tabled until a later date.
10. **Update on Earth Day:** The earth day event is being held on Saturday the 13th. Sign up will be at the community center along with the State Police and drug take back program and a shredding truck, all free to residents. Supplies, snacks and drinks will be available at the community center. Joe and Ken will meet at the transfer station in the morning in case they are flooded with residents assuming there is free bulky waste drop off.
11. **Calls for Service:** No discussion
12. **Approve Bills:** Wayne Jolley made a motion to approve bill voucher #1094 in the amount of \$392,366.95. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
13. **Other Business:** NECCOG is going to ask to extend the hazardous waste grant until it is known what is going to happen in Pomfret.
14. **Public Comment:** Sandra Brodeur refers to the branding of the Town and states the Town has a bad reputation about coming here and that needs to be fixed. The Selectman disagrees and states it may be stigma but not a brand.

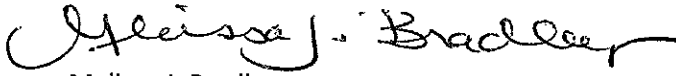
Sandra Brodeur makes a suggestion for next year's earth day; to have a truck with lights follow residents on Allen Hill road for safety reasons. This road is in need of clean up, but it is too dangerous to walk.

Lou Brodeur mentions he saw the Resident Trooper at Wal Mart tagging cars that were parked in the fire zone and he was happy to see this.

Ken Dykstra questions if the 2017/18 books have been closed yet? Mr. Ives answers no, they have not.

- 15. Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Melissa J. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary

A Resolution
Opposing Tolls in Connecticut

Whereas, the Governor and many members of the state legislature have signed support for the placement of tolls on Connecticut roadways; and

Whereas, many of the residents of Connecticut's Quiet Corner use these roadways each day for commuting, transacting business, and exploring the state they choose to call home; and

Whereas, the residents of Connecticut's Quiet Corner deserve, and the future prosperity of our entire state depends on the construction and maintenance of a superior transportation infrastructure, the costs of the implementation of such infrastructure should not be largely funded by those who can least afford to pay it, but instead by such mechanisms meant to relieve the citizenry of that burden; and

Whereas, there exists multiple funding sources established for the explicit purpose and use, to build and maintain our transportation infrastructure; and

Whereas, the implementation of tolls will result in a significant increase in the amount of traffic on municipal roads as out-of-state and resident drivers attempt to avoid this new tax burden; and

Whereas, the residents of Connecticut already pay more in taxes and fees than most residents in other states throughout this great country.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brooklyn is opposed to the implementation of tolls on its residents and urges its elected representatives in the State Legislature to oppose any measure that would impose tolls on our constituents.



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

April 3, 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 March 2019 Troop D Troopers responded to 288 Calls for Service in the Town of Brooklyn. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	<u>5</u>
Criminal Invest:	<u>15</u>
Burglaries:	<u>1</u>
Larcenies:	<u>2</u>
Non Reportable Matters:	<u>265</u>

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

DUI'S:	<u>3</u>
Traffic Citations:	<u>56</u>
Written Warnings:	<u>18</u>

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lt C. S. Sharland *039".

Lieutenant Christopher S. Sharland
Commanding Officer
Troop D, Danielson

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