

TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

Also Present: Ken Dykstra, Tom Rukstela, Sandra Brodeur, Lou Brodeur, Aimee Genna and WINY radio

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 4/11/19 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion on Resolution Opposing Tolls:** Mr. Ives does not think a resolution may be the answer. There needs to be more focus on making sure the money gets to transportation. Mr. Jolley states he is not in favor either. He believes it will put more ingestion on the back roads. Mr. Voccio agrees, he is not in favor either. No action was taken.
5. **Discussion on 2018-19 Budget:** Revenues are on track across the board. TAR funds were received today. The transfer station has picked up quite a bit. The Town Clerk funds are still lagging, this is the third year they have been down. Part of this is because we are paid by the page and there are less documents in each transaction. Recreation is projecting a year end revenue of \$208,000. This is down partially because of the Teen Center. A year end estimate should be ready for the May 1st Board of Finance meeting.
6. **Adopt Fair Housing Resolution:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution as presented. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Complete resolution attached. Motion passed 3-0.
7. **Discussion on Town Meeting:** Mr. Ives did not receive the correct language from the Superintendent regarding the solar project. He will try to get this early next week and a new date will be set for a town meeting.

8. **Finance Department Update:** The finance director position was offered to two people, but they have backed out. There is one more candidate at this point.

A person was hired for the Human Resource/Executive Assistant position and will start on Monday.

Interviews are beginning on the payable/receivable position.

This department will be housed at the school because they need to be together and they have the room. There will be a room available in the Town for the HR employee, so she is able to spend time with all employees.

An offer was made to an applicant for the ZEO position this afternoon. We should have an answer on Monday.

The audit is pushing forward and should have the updated schedule on Monday.

9. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve bill voucher #1097 in the amount of \$209,307.61. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. The generator project has closed out and the State has been notified it is completed. Motion passed 3-0.

10. **Other Business:** Discussion held on the purchase of the Community Center and if the formal paperwork/offer was received? Mr. Ives states he does not have this and will look into getting it.

The solar project contract for the school has been finalized. The Board of Education has approved it and the solar committee.

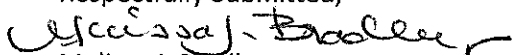
Day Street had a water main break during the winter they patched. Recently, they repaved the area, but it was not done well. Tom Rukstela will take a look at it and if it is not up to code, he will ask them to come back and fix it.

Ennis road project should be finished Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, weather permitting. The three paving jobs were completed, upper Wolf Den road, Darby road and Proulx street.

11. **Public Comment:** None

12. **Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted;


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

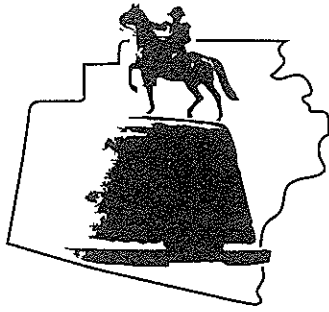
Whereas, the residents of Connecticut's Quiet Corner deserve, and the future prosperity of our entire state depends on the construction and maintenance of a superior transportation infrastructure, the costs of the implementation of such infrastructure should not be largely funded by those who can least 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.



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TOWN OF BROOKLYN FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

- Whereas,** All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and
- Whereas,** Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
- Whereas,** Connecticut Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
- Whereas,** The **Town of Brooklyn** is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.
- Now Therefore,** BE IT RESOLVED, That the **Town of Brooklyn** hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and
- Be It Further Resolved,** That the chief executive officer of the **Town of Brooklyn** or his designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the **Town of Brooklyn** and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State

of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the **BOARD OF SELECTMEN** on April 25, 2019


Leona A. Mainville, MMC