

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 27, 2014
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: Russ Elam, Gary Zurek, Mae Lyons and Austin Tanner

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/6/14 and 2/15/14 for discussion. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Ives does not recall discussing Prince Hill in item #12 in the 2/6/14 meeting. He would like to check into this before approval. Bob Kelleher made a motion to table the minutes until further review. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to accept Roger Pellerin's resignation with regret and thanks for his years of service. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Rick will send a letter of appreciation to Roger. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on Community Center:** Mr. Ives states a possible plan for a teen center in the bottom portion of the community center which would be ran by the Recreation Department. Mr. Ives does not believe the church utilizing this space will affect this plan if it goes forward, it may actually work together. Mr. Kelleher does not see a teen center being an easy project or how feasible it is. Mr. Voccio recalls the church offering to make some modifications and asks what they would be. Mr. Zurek proposed painting the space and the low toilets may also be modified. Mr. Ives would like an operating agreement from the church to review, the Selectmen are in agreement. Mr. Zurek will work on this and review with the Selectmen when complete.
6. **Discussion on School Wall:** Mr. Tanner sates he is waiting on information from Sherri and then will go to the next school board meeting with the needed forms and figures.
7. **Discussion on Tax Sale:** When the tax sale was being prepared, there are some properties on there that are not salable due to abandonment or are unbuildable. The attorney suggests putting them in permanent suspense. Mr. Kelleher would like to look at the lots and questions if they can be foreclosed on. Mr. Ives will get a map of the properties.
8. **Discussion on Riverside Park/Brooklyn Little League:** The Brooklyn Little League has received funds from a grant and plan to use the funds at Riverside Park for improvements to the field, new dugouts and bullpen, concession stand, bleachers, score board and shed, and lighting. Little League has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding for the Selectmen to sign. Mr. Ives will

look into the insurance aspect; both parties should have liability, also, any permanent structures versus temporary structures. The Selectmen will review the MOU and relay any changes to be made.

9. Discussion on 2013-14 Budget: Mr. Ives reports we are doing ok for salt. We currently have 40 tons on hand and will be getting a delivery of 250/275 tons. Mr. Kelleher questions if the Troopers will be doing the DUI program because it hasn't happened and we match a portion of those funds. Mr. Ives believes they are working on it but will look into it.

10. Discussion on CL&P Clean Energy Pledge: This is a volunteer program that seeks to reduce energy use and increase support for clean, renewable energy for municipal facilities. This is administered by CL&P. By enrolling, the Town would purchase 20% of its electricity from clean, renewable energy sources by 2018. The Selectmen would like to see some costs for the next meeting.

11. Single Family Dwellings: No discussion.

12. Calls for Service: This report has changed and is less descriptive as the previous one.

13. Approve Bills: Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

14. Other Business

- The community center is being painted currently and 40 new chairs were purchased. The floor has not been taken care, Mr. Ives is looking into a solution.
- The housing authority agreement has been signed. The board has a vacancy, but has to be filled by a tenant. Mr. Ives is looking for any suggestions.

15. Public Comment

- Mr. Zurek requests the speed on Allen Hill Road be monitored. Speeding is and has been an issue on that road. Mr. Ives will speak with the Troopers.
- Mr. Zurek asks if there is anything the Town can do to encourage these properties on the tax sale to be sold. There are many foreclosed and/or abandoned properties in Town and would hate to see more. Mae Lyons suggests speaking with the abutting land owners to see if they would be interested in purchasing the properties.

16. Executive Session: Bob Kelleher made a motion to go into executive session at 7:30pm to discuss union arbitration decision. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Executive session ended at 7:40pm.

17. Adjourn: Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Secretary