

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 10, 2014
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

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 March 27, 2014 as presented. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-1; Kelleher abstained, was not at the meeting.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to move Sherri Vogt from a regular member to an alternate member with a term expiring 01/14/2016 and appoint Sandra Brodeur as a regular member with a term expiring 01/14/2016 to the Agriculture commission. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Ives states that Ms. Vogt expressed the interest to move to an alternate and spoke both with Lou and Sandy Brodeur. Mr. Voccio cautions having a husband and wife on the same commission, it may become a risk. Mr. Ives states Sandy is very active with the committee currently. Motion passed 3-0.

Two members of the Emergency Management commission have not been attending but Mr. Ives learned Skye Johnson was away for six months and it wasn't communicated when chairmen changed. She is still interested in being a member. The second member, Migdalia Belliveau has not answered mail or phone call attempts. Bob Kelleher made a motion to remove Migdalia Belliveau from the Brooklyn Emergency Management Homeland Security commission with just cause for failure to attend several meetings and failure to respond to mailed letters. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

5. **Approve Fair Housing Resolutions:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the two fair housing documents; Fair Housing Resolution and Fair Housing Policy Statement. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the Affirmative Action Policy Statement, Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, ADA Municipal Grievance procedure and Town of Brooklyn ADA Notice. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio would like to see Brooklyn's Fair Housing Plan. Motion passed 3-0.
6. **Approve Grant Resolution:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the grant resolution that empowers the First Selectman, Rick Ives, to execute and deliver on behalf of Brooklyn with the

CT State Library for a historic documents preservation grant. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

7. **Approve Resolution of Municipal Legislative Body:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Municipal Legislative Body as proposed that allows Mr. Ives to execute on behalf of the Town of Brooklyn in regards to Riverside Park as described in the packet. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. The spelling of "Legislative" needs to be corrected in the resolution. Motion passed 3-0.
8. **Discussion on Sidewalk Ordinance:** Mr. Ives has spoken to quite a few people who are in favor of continuing the current practice which is the Town clearing the sidewalks. Mr. Ives believes it would be easier to control if the Town continued to clear them. There is a lot of foot and chair traffic on them currently especially in the East Brooklyn area. Mr. Kelleher questions if this would be a change to our current ordinance and wants to be sure it is fair to everybody. Mr. Ives will put a written policy together which would make them the Town's obligation and eventually the ordinance would need to be changed.
9. **Discussion on Memorial Day Parade:** The planning has begun for the parade. Mr. Kelleher mentions last year the board discussed changing the route slightly because the back end would meet with the beginning at one point. Mr. Ives will look into this.
10. **Discussion on Budget:** The Town will be assuming some of the work at the cemetery and \$5,000 will be in the budget for salaries and insurances. They will continue to do the grave work.
11. **Liaison Reports:** BOE: State testing will be done online now; the board is still looking into how this will work. They are also looking into full time kindergarten. The job posting has been routed for the Finance Director and the board would like updates on the progress.
12. **Other Business:** Senator Murphy will be visiting Brooklyn to look at Route 169 after an article was published in the paper. Mr. Ives reports there have been about eight blight complaints since the ordinance and there are three currently outstanding and they are in conjunction with the State and should be worked out soon.
13. **Approve Bills:** None
14. **Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Secretary