

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 23, 2014
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

Also Present: WINY radio

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 meeting minutes from 12-11-14 as presented. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments**
 - Mr. Ives reappointed Lou Brodeur and Joyce Meader to the Agriculture Commission with terms expiring 01-14-2018.
 - Mr. Ives reappointed Mike Oatley and Beverly Thornton to the Conservation Committee with terms expiring 01-26-2018.
 - Mr. Ives reappointed Lyn LaCharite to Economic Development with a term expiring 01-01-2019.
 - Bob Kelleher made a motion to reappoint Al Carpenter and Aaron Kerouack to Planning and Zoning with terms expiring 01-01-2019. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio questions if there is a conflict with Aaron being a realtor in Town. Mr. Ives states there is nothing in the statute preventing him from serving on the committee. Mr. Ives states as long as he continues to recuse himself in conflicting discussions, it should not be an issue. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on 2014-15 Budget:** Mr. Keller requests a summary of what was spent on the move from Town Hall to the CBGMC and the work completed at Tiffany Street. Mr. Ives states he is at a disadvantage because he did not receive an expense sheet and will request one from Sherri. Mr. Kelleher states both budgets appear to be overspent.
6. **Discussion on 2015-16 Budget Workshop:** Three budget workshops will be scheduled for January 17th, 24th and 31st at the Town Hall from 9am-12pm. The initial presentation of the budget to the Board of Finance will be on February 18th.
7. **Discussion on Accounting System Grant:** The State is requiring changes be made to accounting systems and QuickBooks is unable to accommodate the changes. It would cost approximately \$70-80,000 to buy a new system on our own. There is \$450,000 available in grant money and Mr. Ives suggests we apply with Pomfret. We would be eligible for \$60,000 towards the system.

Sherry Holmes has used this system in other places and recommends it. She is also able to train others to use the system which will save money. Once we have been approved for the grant, we have ninety days to make the decision to go forward or not. Mr. Ives does mention there is an alternative to use Bloom Shapiro but it would be a much higher cost because all the categories would have to be mapped manually. Mr. Ives will have an update after the grant paper work has been submitted and awarded.

8. Approve Bills: Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$133,178.43. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Mr. Voccio left Sherri a note regarding switching the backup. Motion passed 3-0.

9. Other Business

- The survey results have been completed for the MS4 Storm water Permit and it would be approximately a 100 million dollar cost to the Towns. Besides all the added work to the Town, it also oversteps the Planning and Zoning Regulations. Mr. Ives does not see how this will be passed.
- The Cadillac tax program is almost here. Every plan in a municipality must meet the requirements of a 20% surcharge on the premiums and employees contributions.
- The Ethics Committee is working on their procedure change and ordinance change. Mr. Ives should have more information for the next meeting.
- Mr. Ives has encouraged all board members to subscribe on our website for minutes/agendas and notices.
- Mr. Ives has asked the Town Attorney to look into a legislation change for the Board of Education seats and the First Selectman taking office the day after the election.
- Mr. Ives will include on the next agenda the proposed change to the Peddler's Ordinance.
- Mr. Kelleher would like a copy of the draft audit report.
- Mr. Kelleher would like the ambulance service to be looked at this year, there may be a less expensive option available.
- The capital committee is about ready to begin meeting. Mr. Ives will check with Hans Koehl to see if he is still interested in serving. The three Selectmen, Drew Dionne, Felix Ramos and Mike Gaudreau will be the appointed representatives.
- The contract between the Town and East Brooklyn to collect fire taxes has been filed with the Town Clerk. A copy will be sent to the Selectmen.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Executive Session: Bob Kelleher made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:15pm to discuss labor negotiations. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Executive session ended at 8:40pm.

12. Adjourn: Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary