



## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 9, 2018  
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

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

Also Present: Ken Dykstra, Aimee Genna, Austin Tanner, Patti Buell, Lou Brodeur, Sandra Brodeur, Aaron Kerouack

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Jerrin O'Malley  
TOWN OF BROOKLYN, CT

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 7/26/18 as presented. Rick Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments/Resignations**
  - Joe Voccio made a motion to reappoint Martin Weiner to Ethics for a 3-year term expiring 6/26/2021. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. The board agrees he is a great addition to the committee. Motion passed 3-0.
  - Rick Ives made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeryl Mohn from Planning & Zoning, with regret. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Mr. Mohn has been an outstanding member. His resignation is for the reason that he is moving out of Town.
5. **Discussion on Special Act Revision:** 18-22 Special Act; There are two parts of this act Mr. Ives is proposing to change:
  - I. When the First Selectman is elected, he takes office immediately after the election.
  - II. Board of Education members are re-elected every two years, and there is the potential of a new board each election.The statute does allow change on both these issues. Mr. Ives suggests a two-week transition period for the First Selectman and 4-year terms for the six Board of Education members with staggering terms. 3 members – 2-year terms; 3 members for 4-year terms; then staggered 4 years after that.  
Discussion ensued. Mr. Ives would like to have a public hearing to get more input on the matter. He will also have something written up to outline the suggested changes.

6. **Discussion on Tree Removal:** Mr. Ives, along with the road foreman, drove many Town roads and found hundreds of dead trees on Town property. After contacting local tree companies,

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there is only one company that would have time to service Brooklyn. The plan is to start with the high traveled roads. The funds would come from the highway department. Trimming would be done as well.

7. **Update on Paving:** The section of Wolf Den and Darby road will be paved next. The Ennis road project will be going out to bid in the next week.
8. **Discussion/Set Town Meeting for Brooklyn Builders Subdivision:** Mr. Ives contacted the town attorney Callahan and attorney Alter in regard to the issues raised at the Town Meeting and they both agree the only item needed to move this forward was the referral from the Planning & Zoning, and that has already been given. Joe Voccio made a motion to set a Town Meeting for Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the Brooklyn Builders subdivision. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
9. **Discussion on Relocation of Elm St. Residents:** There was a water main break and water got into one of the apartment buildings and into the panel of the building. This sparked a fire and the Fire Marshal and Building Inspector was called to the residence. There was "homemade" wiring in the building and the Building Inspector made the decision to condemn the residence. Eversource shut off the power. Four families were displaced, and it is the Town's responsibility up to \$18,000 to find them housing and storage, as needed. It is up to the property owner to reimburse the Town. A lien has been placed on the property, so no transactions can be done with it.
10. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve voucher #1015 in the amount of \$362,708.79 and voucher #1137 in the amount of \$34,290.93. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
11. **Other Business:** None
12. **Public Comment:** Aaron Kerouack questions if the record of the vote from Planning & Zoning was found. Mr. Ives stated it was.  
  
Austin Tanner apologizes for missing the discussion on Grandview Terrace. Mr. Ives recapped the discussion.
13. **Adjourn:** Joe Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Jolley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley  
Recording Secretary

**AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF BROOKLYN, CONNECTICUT THAT:**

1. The Board of Education shall continue to consist of six (6) members. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 9-206(b), at the Town Election to be held on November 5, 2019, six members of the Board of Education shall be elected, three of whom shall have a term of two years and three of whom shall have a term of four years. At each Town Election thereafter, three members of the Board of Education shall be elected for a term of four years. Beginning with the Town Election on November 5, 2019, and at each Town election thereafter, the terms of the members of the Board of Education shall begin on the Tuesday two weeks after the day of the Town Election, and shall continue until their successors have been elected and have qualified.
2. This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Brooklyn.