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**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 14, 2022
6:30pm via Zoom and in person
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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Present: Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Lou Brodeur and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary
Also Present: Rushie Bean, Sandy Brodeur, Gil Maiato, and Wendy Harrington and Elizabeth Swagger from the Brooklyn Library

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/31/22 as presented. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Correction to Item # 9 Discussion: L. Brodeur stated that Ops lost revenue may cover it. Ops should be ARPA. Motion passed with amendment 3-0.
L. Brodeur made a motion to move the library discussion on the agenda after public comment. A. Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None

Library Revised Budget Discussion: W. Harrington and E. Swagger discuss the increase requested; \$2,400 for children's programs and increase to salaries. They will also be submitting and ARPA request to make the library entrance handicap accessible.
4. **Action on Purchasing Procedure:** NECCOG is working on this procedure and A. Tanner suggests waiting until it is completed to review the Town's procedure.
5. **Adopt Fair Housing Resolution:** L. Brodeur made a motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution as presented. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
6. **Update on Capital Requests:** The scale replacement contract was signed today. The painting of the Town Hall is scheduled to begin in May.
7. **Update on Highway Garage Roof Project:** The roof project is in process; it is about halfway completed.
8. **2022 Budget Discussion**
 - **Library Revised Budget:** Discussion held earlier in meeting.
 - **Finalize Expenditures:**
 - The fire department's insurance will be listed separately
 - Access Agency – leave at \$3,000

- Community Kitchen – leave the same
- Homelessness – No request this year, keep at \$1,000
- Day Kimball Healthcare - \$2,000
- NDDH – fixed figured based on population
- Eastern CT Conservation – leave the same
- Last Green Valley - \$500
- QV Senior Center - \$29,500
- Sexual Assault Crisis – same as last year
- Meals on Wheels - \$6,930
- United Services - \$2,000
- Youth Services - \$6,976
- Cyber Insurance - \$14,000
- Cemetery – Take the funds out this year and try to coordinate with Rec and Highway for a clean up schedule. S. Brodeur suggests having a log for each departments time spent there so we can know if it's cheaper to hire someone or use our crews.
- Administration – Payroll \$400,000
- Homeland Security – leave at \$3,000

J. Voccio made a motion with the discussed revisions made tonight to approve this budget for presentation to the Board of Finance. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

9. Discussion on Financials: There are a couple line items over budget, but mostly in line as budgeted.

10. Discussion on Community Investment Fund: Brooklyn has not been eligible for this in the past but with the new classifications passed, we are now eligible. Unfortunately, the deadline is tomorrow, and we won't have time this year, but it should be considered for next year.

11. Approve Bills: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher # 1461 dated 4/14/2022 in the amount of \$82,499.45. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

12. Single Family Dwellings: No discussion

13. Calls for Service: No discussion.

14. Other Business: The board of selectmen will meet if any changes are suggested after the board of finance presentation.


Discussion and suggestions discussed regarding ARPA funds and the Infrastructure bill.

J. Voccio does not believe with the scope and length of the boiler project at the school warrants a building committee. The board is in agreement and this board will participate in the process.

15. Public Comment: Gil Maiato questions why the cemetery association does not take care of the cemetery? A. Tanner states it was done like that in the past and the Town took it over. A. Tanner will speak with Any Tetreault, the sexton.

16. Adjourn: L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa J. Bradley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary