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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2022
4:00pm via Zoom &
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary
Also Present: Rushie Bean, Patricia Buell, Gil Maiato and Sandy Brodeur

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1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:06pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/14/2022 as presented. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments**
 - L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Gil Maiato to Planning and Zoning as an alternate member with a term expiring 10/01/2024. A. Tanner seconded the motion. G. Maiato was appointed previously at a Board of Selectmen meeting but was done incorrectly. This is his official appointment. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on 2021-22 Financials:** 1 million in property taxes was received; \$150,000 more in ECS was received; and \$10,000 was received from nip bottle funds. There is a restricted use on those funds.
6. **Discussion on Repair/Replacement of School Boilers:** The school is in need of replacing the boiler system and would like to do so over summer break. There is left over funds in the solar project that has been completed. Attorney Ritter has drafted a resolution to transfer the funds from project to project and move to a town meeting. R. Bean reads the resolution. A. Tanner made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. There will still be funds not used from the original project; the account can be closed, and the overage made available. Complete resolution attached. Motion passed 3-0.

L. Brodeur made a motion to add the call of a special town meeting to the agenda. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

L. Brodeur made a motion to call a special town meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022 beginning at 7:00pm in the auditorium at the Brooklyn Middle School to transfer \$400,000 from the school solar project to the school boiler project. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

7. Discussion on 2022-23 Budget: Changes made:

- Revenue - \$10,000 for nip bottles
- Administration – decrease salary by \$10,000 reflecting the new position
- Town Clerk – added \$2,500 for costs of new or revised ordinances
- Revenue – Added ECS funds
- Board of Finance - \$1,180 added for printing
- Administration – Decreased to 0 for printing and publications
- Cemetery – Hours worked for the highway and rec department in the cemetery will be kept track of to determine if a grounds keeper is necessary
- Ambulance – Asking for \$50,000 to supplement the service. When a profit is made, they have returned it to the Town in the past. A. Tanner suggests this should go to the ARPA funds. L. Brodeur made a motion to turn this request over to the ARPA committee. A. Tanner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Currently the budget is showing a .622 increase without capital projects added and any funds being returned by the General Government or the Board of Education. The BOE budget is a 4.64 increase over last year.

- 8. Discussion Old Tatnic Rd:** L. Brodeur questions if the remaining of Old Tatnic road plans to be finished? Tom Rukstela owns land on there and possibly would like to sell. A. Tanner states drainage is needed. A scope of work needs to be done to get the full picture of what is needed.
- 9. Discuss on Salem Village Tax Abatement:** Salem village tax went up 19.5%. Creamery Brook increased by 16.8% while Pierce decreased by .2%. It is suggested to decrease the amount approximately \$500,000. The board would like to ask NECCOG assessor why it went up so much before a decision is made.
- 10. Discussion on Land Inquiry from Z. Credit:** A. Tanner sent letters to abutting landowners asking for their input on selling the land to Z. Credit. Responses are due back for the next Board of Selectmen’s meeting. J. Voccio is concerned with trees being removed from the property the Town still owns. A. Tanner stated he will take a ride over there to see what’s going on.
- 11. Discussion on Salary Study:** Preston is also looking to perform a salary study and if Brooklyn goes in with them, the price will be cheaper. A. Tanner and L. Gilpin will be having a zoom meeting with all parties to discuss the process. Update at the next meeting.
- 12. Discussion on Earth Day:** Earth Day went well. Approximately 15 families worked on the streets to remove garbage. 1,220 pounds was collected that day. Some remaining garbage left in piles was collected Monday as well. The shred truck totaled a half ton of shredded paper. The Resident Trooper collected prescription drugs with success. The fire departments assisted

residents on the road for safety which was greatly appreciated by them. The half price bulky at the transfer station was not overly busy, those totals will not be known until next month when the invoice arrives.

13. Approve Bills: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher # 1469 dated 4/28/22 in the amount of \$181,764.67. J. Voccio seconded the motion. The gas bill is questioned again at 61 S. Main St.; the electricity has gone down some. Motion passed 3-0.

14. Other Business: None

15. Public Comment: G. Maiato asks if letters to the families who helped on Earth Day will be sent? Yes, all parties involved will get a thank you letter.

16. Adjourn: L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.

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