

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 26, 2023  
4:00pm via Zoom &  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

**Present:** Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, and Sara Deshaies, Substitute Recording Secretary  
**Also Present:** Mike Podzaline and Dave Lee, Patricia Buell (4:23pm)

1. Call to Order – A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.
2. Approve Minutes: January 12, 2023 – J. Voccio made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. A. Tanner seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 2-0-0.
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Discussion on Financials – No comments.
5. Discussion on Tax Abatement Program – A. Tanner received final copy and sent to attorney. A. Tanner asked if M. Podzaline or D. Lee had any comment. M. Podzaline is appreciative for the support. J. Voccio asked D. Lee if a proposal for an estimate of what it would cost the Town. D. Lee said no. D. Lee asked for the matter to be referred to Board of Finance. J. Voccio stated that when the subcommittee looked at it, it appeared that only a handful qualified. M. Podzaline looked at rough numbers from last year and the program would attract new members and boost current members to participate. J. Voccio stated that the Town has already begun budget mode for next fiscal year. He stated that they will need better estimates for the next budget cycle. D. Lee did agree that there is a fiscal impact. The Fire Departments just don't have the numbers yet. M. Podzaline stated this is a test for fire companies to come up with the numbers.
6. Discussion on STEAP Grant – Actually two, the January project and drainage on Tatnic went to Department of Transportation and waiting to get them back.
7. Approve Bills – A. Tanner made a motion to approve voucher #1347, dated 1/30/23 in the amount of \$31.50 for travel reimbursement for Town Collector. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 2-0-0. A. Tanner made a motion to approve voucher #1350, dated 1/26/23 in the amount of \$56,522.11. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 2-0-0. A. Tanner made a motion to approve voucher #1348, dated 1/27/23 in the amount of \$1,117.85. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 2-0-0. A. Tanner made a motion to approve voucher #1349, dated 1/27/23 in the amount \$1,121.15. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 2-0-0. A. Tanner made a motion to approve voucher #1351, dated 1/26/23 in the amount of \$680.69. J. Voccio seconded. Motion passed 2-0-0.
8. Other Business – J. Voccio stated that at the end of the last Board of Selectmen meeting he suggested they engage an attorney to address the accusations that members of the public made regarding East Brooklyn Fire District and whether or not the bond authorization from 1949 made it into municipal code. There was discussion about the bond and what it was used for. Also bank financing was discussed without clarity. There is information missing about the history of fire house.
9. Public Comment – A. Tanner met with J. Niemeth and asked that all the correspondence she presented be attached to the minutes.  
D. Lee stated for clarity that it is the Brooklyn Fire Tax District, there is no East Brooklyn Fire Tax District and was established 1889.  
M. Podzaline asked for a list of public vacancies on boards and commissions. Melissa will have an updated list next week.

10. Adjourn – J. Voccio made a motion to adjourn. A. Tanner seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,  
Substitute Recording Secretary