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Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 2022
8:00am via Zoom &
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary
Also Present: Linda Parsons & Emily Morrison from United Services, Sandy Brodeur and David Lee

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1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. **Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/3/22 & 2/24/22. J. Voccio seconded the motion. A. Tanner in the minutes of 2/24/22 stated he had a lack of confidence in the Finance Director; This was from frustration in getting information on capital and bonds, but as the finance part, she is doing a fine job. She is meeting deadlines and getting things done. A. Tanner clarifies his comment reflected only a couple things, not the whole job she is doing. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments**
 - **Agriculture Commission:** L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Sara Deshaies as an alternate member on the Ag commission with a term expiring 12/08/2023. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **United Services Presentation:** Emily Morrison shares a presentation with the board. United Services offers over 30 programs and provided service to 3,350 people in Northeast Connecticut. Total services provided to Brooklyn were 405 resident contacts and 7,243 number of visits/contacts. They are requesting .72 per capita based on population of 8,450, totaling \$6,084 for the 2022/23 budget. United Services is also the designated Youth Service Bureau for six Towns in Northeast Connecticut. Brooklyn's under age 18 population is 1,749. YSB is requesting \$6,975.52 for the 2022/23 budget. Complete presentation attached.
6. **Discussion/Action on Affordable Housing Plan Grant Resolution; Amendment #2:** A. Tanner made a motion to approve Amendment #2 of the Affordable Housing Plan Grant and approve the certified resolution. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Jana Roberson has been making progress on this and has put a lot of effort into it. It should be completed by June 30, 2022. Motion passed 3-0.

- 7. Discussion on Town Meeting:** The previous town meeting scheduled for March 16th was not needed to accept the new polling districts. There are still items in need of a town meeting. A. Tanner is working on them, and a town meeting will be set in the near future.
- 8. Discussion on Capital Committee:** A. Tanner has spoken with Matt Allen and he is willing to serve on this committee. A member from the Board of Ed, Finance, Recreation and Fire Commissioners is needed as well.
A Tanner states a building committee will be needed as well for the school project.
- 9. Discussion on Earth Day:** Earth Day Event will be held on April 23rd beginning at 9am. We are still awaiting confirmation of the shred truck. The board agrees to have bulky waste half price this day, for residents of Brooklyn only and no commercial.
- 10. Discussion on Memorial Day/Family Fun Day:** The board agrees they would like to hold Family Fun Day again after the parade. L. Brodeur made a motion to proceed with both events. J. Voccio seconded the motion and states to proceed with Family Fun Day if Recreation can coordinate it. Motion passed 3-0.
- 11. Discussion on School Building Committee:** A building committee will be formed for the boiler project at the school. Mrs. Buell is currently getting quotes on the costs.
- 12. Discussion on AmVets Monument:** The AmVets building is up for sale. Discussion held on where to move the monuments. J. Voccio suggests looking long term for a new home for all our monuments. The current location on Route 169 is not the safest when holding ceremonies. The Selectmen will plan a walk to determine where they could go.
- 13. Discussion on Cemetery:** Discussions were held last year regarding extra help in the cemetery upkeep. The board would like to proceed with this. Sandy Brodeur was in contact with some individuals who offered volunteer work. She will get in contact with them again and report back.
- 14. Discussion on Household Hazardous Waste Day:** \$10,000 was put into the budget but this has not been planned. A. Tanner is looking into possibly teaming up with another Town, he has called Canterbury. Woodstock and Pomfret are planning one next year. There is a regional center in Willington, A. Tanner is looking into more information on it. NECOGG has occasional events, nothing planned as of now.
- 15. Approve Bills:** Lou Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1400 dated 3/10/22 in the amount of \$69,996.10. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. The electric bill at 61 S. Main St is still high. L. Brodeur suggests maybe only turning on the heat when it is being used. Motion passed 3-0.
- 16. Discussion on 2021-22 Financials:** The miscellaneous income budget line consists of an insurance claim from the Community Center and the money returned from the library.
- 17. Discussion on 2022-23 Budget:** The grand list is not finalized. Diesel has been locked in at \$2.33 a gallon. Telephone at 95 Rukstela road should be changed to internet/phone. Further discussion on the budget ensued. The next budget meeting is scheduled for 3/24/22 at 8:00am.

18. Public Comment: Sandy Brodeur questions if the Recreation budget has been completed? A. Tanner states they are working on it and is almost completed.

19. Adjourn: L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A. Tanner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa J. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary