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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2024, 6:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Ray Preece, Joe Voccio, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur

Via Zoom: Carrie Barna, Lou Brodeur, JoAnn Gerardi-Voccio, Stephanie Grohocki-Hynes, Aimee Jenna, Carrie Juhasz, Dave Lee, Sharon Loughlin, Jenn Nemeth, Matt Nemeth, Melissa Nichols, Mike Podzalne, Cynthia Rushworth, L. Trahan, and other members of the public.

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2023:** J. Voccio made a motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2023; R. Preece seconded the motion; and the minutes of **Date** were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments:**
 - Carolyn Teed-Ives, Member of Conservation Commission, term expires 1/26/24, new term 1/26/27 (see letter attached);**
 - Richard Calarco, Member of Conservation Commission, term expires 1/26/24, new term 1/26/27:** J. Voccio made a motion to appoint Carolyn Teed-Ives and Richard Calarco as Members of the Conservation Commission, both with a term expiring 1/26/27; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.
 - Sandra Brodeur, Agricultural Commission, term expires 1/14/24, new term 1/14/27:** R. Preece made a motion to appoint Sandra Brodeur as a member of the Agricultural Commission with a term expiring 1/14/27; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
 - Melissa Filgerleski, Resource Recovery:** J. Voccio made a motion to appoint Melissa Filgerleski as a regular member of the Resource Recovery with the member she is replacing and the term to be decided at the next meeting; R. Preece seconded; and the motion is approved
 - Sandra Brodeur, Resignation from the Brooklyn Emergency Management and Homeland Security (see letter attached):** A. Tanner read S. Brodeur's resignation letter, dated 1/9/24, moved that we accept her resignation, and thanked her for her service; R. Preece seconded; and the motion was approved.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Health Department Lease:** A. Tanner brought up that the lease with the Health Department is due to expire in August 2026 and suggested that the Board discuss this further so that we can give the Health Department plenty of notice.
 - b. **Grants:** A. Tanner talked about the CIF Grant which is coming up in June and if the Board wants to do something big with it, it will take a lot of preparation to get it ready. The Board talked about the Paradise Lake situation and small cities grant.
 - c. **Union Negotiations:** A. Tanner stated the Union negotiations are coming up soon. He said he received a call from the Highway representative about getting it done

sooner because all we need to discuss is wages and insurance, though he and Lori Gilpin are going to come up with other things that need to be discussed.

6. Old Business

a. Fire Lane Ordinance: The Board discussed revisions to the Fire Ordinance. The revisions will be made. R. Preece made a motion that the Fire Ordinance be sent to the Attorney for comments and/or revisions; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was passed.

b. Town Planner Position: A. Tanner said there were only two applicants for this job and one offer was made but it was declined. He said Town Planners are hard to find, and that we need one sooner rather than later. It was decided the Board would research other outsourcing agencies, including Tyche Planning & Policy Group, Horsley Witten Group, to see what they have to offer, and then discuss this further.

c. Forum, meeting date: The Board decided to combine a Town Meeting and a Town Forum on the said date on 1/30/24 with the Town Meeting at 7:00 pm and the Town Forum to follow at 7:30 pm.

d. Finance Assistant Position: A. Tanner stated that we are down two positions in the Finance Department, that we received several applications and were doing interviews, and he expects next week they will make some offers.

7. Review Single Family Dwellings Report (attached): The Board acknowledged this report.

8. Discussion on Financials: A. Tanner stated that Shelley Cates did send out the letter on the budget, and she has received some replies.

9. Approve Bills:

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve **Voucher #1370**, dated 1/11/24, in the amount of \$7,390.19; R. Preece seconded; and the motion was approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve **Voucher #1371**, dated 1/11/24, in the amount of \$115.29; R. Preece seconded; and the motion was approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve **Voucher #1366**, dated 1/11/24, in the amount of \$292.97; R. Preece seconded; and the motion was approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve **Voucher #1368**, dated 1/11/24, in the amount of \$4,000.00; R. Preece seconded; and the motion was approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve **Voucher #1367**, dated 1/11/24, in the amount of \$113,281.91; R. Preece seconded; and the motion was approved.

10. Other Business: J. Voccio stated that he had a conversation with a local developer who has approval for a particular site and would like to have a meeting with the Board as well as with a member of the Board of Finance. J. Voccio said he would ask the developer to contact A. Tanner to set up such a meeting.

11. Public Comment: Several members of the public had comments, including S. Brodeur, 63 Creamery Brook Road, Brooklyn; M. Podzalne, 27 Whitebrook Drive, Brooklyn; M. Nemeth, 131 Day Street, Brooklyn; S. Loughlin, 601 Wolf Den Road, Brooklyn; C. Barna, 376 Stetson Road, Brooklyn; C. Juhasz, 38 Day Street, Brooklyn; M. Nemeth, 131 Day Street, Brooklyn.

12. Adjourn: R. Preece made a motion to adjourn the meeting; J. Voccio seconded; and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary