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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2024, 6:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

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

Also Present: Lou Brodeur, Sandra Brodeur, Shelley Cates

Via Zoom: Heather Allen, Carrie Barna, Aimee Genna, Sharon Hawes, Carrie Juhasz, Jenn Nemeth, Cynthia Rushworth, Ciaran Wilcox

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2024:** R. Preece made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2024; J. Voccio seconded the motion with discussion. J. Voccio stated that the documents discussed at the meeting should also be posted. The minutes of January 11, 2024 meeting were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Appointment: Mark Masopust, Member to Water Pollution Control Authority [to replace Robert Kiley (term expired January 29, 2023)] with a term to expire January 29, 2028:** A. Tanner stated that he feels the Board should appoint M. Masopust to the WPCA but that his term should expire sooner, as many of the other members have terms expiring January 29, 2028. R. Preece made a motion to appoint Mark Masopust as a Member of the Water Pollution Control Authority with a term expiring January 29, 2026; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion was approved.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Meeting of March 10, 2024:** A. Tanner stated that he would not be available for this meeting. The Board will decide as the date comes closer if they will meet, reschedule, or cancel.
 - b. **Recreation Coordinator Position:** A. Tanner stated that our Recreation Coordinator resigned, and we are looking for someone to fill the position.
 - c. **Memorial Day Parade Committee meeting:** The Board decided it will reach out to previous members to see if they are interested in volunteering again and to post that we are looking for volunteers, as well as Veterans to be a part of the Parade.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Town Planner/Tiche Planning and Policy:** A. Tanner stated that he signed a contract with Tiche Planning and Policy that runs to June 30, 2024. He apologized if he overstepped his bounds, but he felt that the Town needed help right away. He also stated that a representative from Tiche is coming in for a meeting on February 5, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Green Building and if anyone wants to attend, they are more than welcome. J. Voccio stated that he wanted to make sure that we reallocate or transfer the funds from the salary line item to some service line item, and he wants to make sure we do not go over the \$20,000.00 ceiling.
 - b. **Finance Positions:** S. Cates stated that two individuals were hired as Finance Assistants: Carissa Sharrow and Katie Kovacik.
7. **Monthly Police Services Report:** The Board acknowledged this report.
8. **Discussion on Financials:** None

9. Approve Bills:

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1379, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$699.69; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1380, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$1,391.07; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1381, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$34.53; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1382, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$178.87; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1383, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$106,754.76; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1384, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$6,716.00; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1385, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$169.69; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1386, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$76,400.00; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

-J. Voccio made a motion to approve Voucher #1387, dated 1/25/24, in the amount of \$4,716.54; seconded by R. Preece; motion approved.

J. Voccio questioned S. Cates on why all the Vouchers were broken up and she replied that our system is limited, and this is the best way to do them for ease of bank reconciliations, which is recommended by the auditors.

10. Other Business: J. Voccio asked whether the Parks and Recreation Department will move downstairs at the Community Center before the end of the fiscal year, and A. Tanner responded that it was questionable because there are going to be some expenses that will require some appropriations. J. Voccio also asked if there were updates on getting individual microphones or some other solution that would provide some clarity for remote listeners and for the recordings themselves. A. Tanner said that we are moving off of Zoom and into Google Meets, and he is not sure if that affects the microphones, but we can talk to G. Bryant about this. A. Tanner said G. Bryant is working on posting the meeting recordings to the Town website to be available for 45 days and then archived, and J. Voccio said he would like to see them on longer, like 6 to 12 months. The Board discussed the Town Meeting and public forum scheduled for January 30, 2024 and talked about setting up an ARPA Committee meeting.

11. Public Comment: C. Juhasz, 38 Day Street, Brooklyn made public comment.

J. Voccio made a motion that we have a full Town Meeting, including the public hearing session, available to residents through a Zoom link that we can provide to residents via e-blast and in agreement with accepted procedures through State statute and the FOIA Commission, unless advised otherwise by the Town Attorney; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed. A. Tanner stated he would check with the Town Attorney on this.

J. Voccio made a motion to add additional Public Comment; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed. The following members of the public had comments: J. Nemeth, 131 Day Street, Brooklyn; C. Barna, 376 Stetson Road, Brooklyn. J. Voccio made a motion to close Public Comment; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

12. Adjourn: R. Preece made a motion to adjourn the meeting; J. Voccio seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary