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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Ray Preece, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary
Also Present: Lou Brodeur, Sandy Brodeur, Kathleen Krider, Jessica Log
Via Zoom: Ann Marie, Carrie Barna, M. Nichols, Jessica Solis, Ciaran Wilcox

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2024: R. Preece made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2024 meeting; J. Voccio seconded; and the minutes were approved.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Kathleen Krider, Sr. Director Community Engagement, Access Agency, Presentation: Kathleen Krider spoke about Access Agency and the services they provide for Town residents and asked for a \$1,000.00 donation from the Town.
5. Appointments: Jessica Long, as Alternate Member of Inland Wetlands Commission, term March 11, 2027; Sandy Brodeur, as Member of Housing Authority, term expiring: March 31, 2029; Dan Stuyanski, as a Member of Water Pollution Control Authority, term expiring 3/1/29.
-J. Voccio made a motion to appoint Jessica Long as an Alternate Member of Inland Wetlands Commission with a term expiring March 11, 2027; R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.
-R. Preece made a motion to appoint Sandy Brodeur as a Member of the Housing Authority with a term expiring March 31, 2029; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.
-R. Preece made a motion to appoint Dan Stuyanski as a Member of the Water Pollution Control Authority with a term expiring March 1, 2029; J. Voccio seconded with discussion. After discussion, the motion passed.
7. New Business
 - a. CBGD Grant: A. Tanner said he spoke with Miguel Rivera about a possible grant to be able to do something at Paradise Lake. This was discussed further by the Board. J. Voccio stated that he thought we needed some preliminary technical assistance funding to develop a plan and then go to DEEP for the actual remediation dollars once we do the environmental site assessments. He said a license environmental professional would do the environmental site assessments. He will ask Miguel Rivera who would be the best person at DEEP to speak with regarding the technical assistance grants.
 - b. Day Street: A. Tanner stated that half of Day Street is shut down due to the stream undermining the road and that he addressed this fourteen years ago, but it was not taken seriously. This has been a long term problem that has been exacerbated in the last two years. He said he has a virtual meeting with Mike Caplet from Emergency Management along with Tom Rukstela tomorrow morning; he talked with several individuals about this problem; and he has been aggressively pursuing this for the last

couple of weeks. A. Tanner also stated that he spoke with Syl Pauly, the Town Engineer, who assured him that the area is safe.

c. Litigation Update: Per the Judicial District website, the lawsuit is now scheduled for trial at some time in January or February 2025. J. Voccio would like to perhaps go into executive session with the attorneys to discuss the level of discovery that has been received. A. Tanner said he will see if he can get a timetable on this from the attorneys.

d. Training: A. Tanner stated that he set up another Town Forum for April 22, 2024, and the Board discussed having training on how the Town Budget works, how the meetings operate, processes, etc. J. Voccio would like to book Russell Blair from the FOIC before it gets too far out to discuss the FOIA and all the requests we are receiving. The Board discussed this further.

8. Old Business

a. Health Department Lease: This was discussed by the Board, and it was decided that the Board should have an executive session to discuss further.

b. Working groups: J. Voccio stated that he thinks the Town Administrator should be tops on the list as it seems to be the one that everyone has the most interest in. He said having a larger group to define what we want to study and a smaller group to do the actual work is probably the better path and we do need to budget something for this, maybe making it a Capital project. The Board discussed doing a formal questionnaire to see if other Boards and Commissions are supportive of the idea and discussing it further at the Board of Finance meeting.

9. Single Family Dwelling Report: The Board acknowledged this report.

10. Discussion on Financials: None

11. Approve Bills:

-R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1479, dated 3/14/24, in the amount of \$1,431.20; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

-R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1480, dated 3/14/24, in the amount of \$293.30; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

-R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1481, dated 3/14/24, in the amount of \$116.91; J. Voccio R. Preece seconded; and the motion passed.

-R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1482, dated 3/14/24, in the amount of \$81,215.86; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

- R. Preece made a motion to approve Voucher #1483, dated 3/14/24, in the amount of \$171.05; J. Voccio seconded; and the motion passed.

12. Other Business: J. Voccio brought up the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan and said he did not see anything that needed to come off list from last time. A. Tanner stated that he did take some things off the list and added a couple and sent it in. A. Tanner stated that Brooklyn Cares Community sent a letter and wanted us to consider our position of them moving them upstairs. The Board discussed this further, including acquiring additional funds to expand Brooklyn Cares Community. A. Tanner said he is looking into getting quotes for flooring at the Community Center and at the meeting room at the Health Center.

13. Public Comment: S. Brodeur made public comment about the Long Term Capital Improvement Committee. Ciaran Wilcox, 362 Day Street, spoke about the weight limits on Day Street and limiting vehicles on that road. C. Barna, 376 Stetson Road, suggested contacting FEMA Region 1 regarding Day Street, the generator, and electronic copies and emails. J. Solis, 22 Juniper way spoke about Brooklyn Cares Community Center. H. Allen spoke about having locked boxes at the Little League fields for the AED units. J. Voccio mentioned using money from the NIP Fund for this. A. Tanner stated that the monument at Wauregan should be moved tomorrow.

14. Adjourn: R. Preece made a motion to adjourn the meeting; J. Voccio seconded; and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

