

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 31, 2016  
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

**Present:** Rick Ives, Bob Kelleher, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

**Also Present:** Bob Lee, Aaron Kerouack and Fran from the Bulletin

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 3/12/16 and 3/19/16 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Rick Ives made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 3/10/16 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. B. Kelleher was not present, abstained. Motion passed.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Resource Recovery Discussion:** Resource Recovery was previously an authority and the last board requested it be changed to a commission. After the change, there were issues with what the board could authorize and what they could not. Three members resigned recently, leaving two members on the board. Mr. Ives spoke with the Town attorney and he stated it was not necessary to have the board but we do need a regulatory body to deal with polluted dirt if it arises. Mr. Ives is currently overseeing the employees and the functions of the transfer station. Reports to the State for MSW/Bulky and Recycling are done in the First Selectman's office as well, and have been for years. Mr. Lee, a current member of the board, does feel the oversight is needed. He is willing to continue his current function but regrets with the timing, he is unable to take on the chairperson position. Mr. Ives spoke with Mr. Benson and he agrees. Mr. Kelleher suggests keeping the board and appointing the Selectmen as the other members along with Mr. Lee and Mr. Benson. Mr. Voccio agrees. Mr. Ives will speak with the attorney to confirm the Selectmen can be appointed and speak with Mr. Benson to ensure his willingness to stay on the board. Appointments can be made at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. **Ethics Revision:** Rick Ives made a motion to approve and send the revised ethics ordinance to Town Meeting for purpose of discussion. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Mr. Kelleher states he does not support this ordinance at this point. There are several sections that are vague and confusing. Many sections that were pointed out were not changed. Mr. Ives is willing to move it

forward and let the towns people vote on it. Mr. Voccio agrees. Motion passed; R. Ives and J. Voccio in favor; B. Kelleher abstain.

6. **Budget Workshop Schedule:** Next workshop is scheduled for Monday at 6:30 at the Town Hall. An updated budget will be ready tomorrow with the capital and school excluded. Mr. Voccio would like a copy of the schedule from Jeanette Marcoux if it has been received. Mr. Ives will forward it.
7. **2015-16 Budget Discussion:** No discussion
8. **2016-17 Budget Discussion:** Mr. Kelleher met with Mr. Stern and he will perform an audit on both schools for energy savings. The cost will be about \$75,000 over three years. Mr. Ives reports the transportation and Mashentucket monies will be coming in.
9. **Set Annual Town Meeting Date:** The Board of Finance set the budget hearing for May 11<sup>th</sup> and would like the town meeting held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Joe Voccio made a motion to establish May 31<sup>st</sup> as the annual town meeting date. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Voccio suggests holding an informational forum to discuss taxes. Mr. Ives thinks this could be done at the hearing. There will also be a tax calculator on the website where residents can input a mill rate and get the amount their taxes would be.
10. **Liaison Reports:**
  - Board of Education: Meeting was held and was mostly executive session, nothing to report
  - School Roof: Meeting scheduled for tomorrow and the bid should be out for late April to early May.
11. **Other Business:** Joe Voccio made a motion to add public comment to the agenda after other business. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
12. **Public Comment:** None
13. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$67,040.71 for week ending March 20<sup>th</sup>. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
14. **Adjourn:** Bob Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley  
Recording Secretary