

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, June 9, 2016  
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

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

**Also Present:** Andy Pinto, Bob Simons, Aaron Kerouack and WINY radio

- 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 previous minutes of 5/26/2016 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Joe Voccio made a motion to add public comment before item #3. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment: None

- 3. Discussion regarding EDC:** Mr. Simons and Mr. Pinto join the Selectmen to discuss the mission statement of the Economic Development Commission and the needs of the commission. The commission would like:
  - A have a paid economic development coordinator, when the budget allows.
  - A system in place to follow up on inquiries from businesses being made to the Town
  - An inventory of available buildings and developable land throughout the Town
  - A liaison between EDC and P&Z
  - Help from the Selectmen shaping the mission of the EDC

Mr. Ives feels this is a good starting and most can be achieved with a coordinator. The budget does not allow for a paid position this year, but Mr. Ives would like to try for next year. Mr. Voccio agrees having a point person is really important. Mr. Kelleher understands the hardship of being a volunteer board. Mr. Kelleher suggests Ms. Roberson can take this role on. Mr. Ives states Jana has a full plate completing the regulations, perhaps after they are complete. Mr. Simons would like to create a data base that can be available on the website. Mr. Ives will get

together with Jana to discuss this. Mr. Pinto states he supports the information given this evening and would like to get the ball rolling.

4. **Discussion on 2015-16 Budget:** Tax revenue is continuing to grow. As of today, \$745,000 will be needed to balance the budget. There are a few revenues still not in. Mr. Ives will check on Mashentucket revenue.
5. **Discussion on 2016-17 Budget:** Mr. Ives spoke with bond counsel and they verified the \$337,404 left in the school building fund can we used as the board wishes. The Selectmen decide to hold a meeting Wednesday after the Board of Finance meeting in case the budget does not pass and cuts need to be discussed.
6. **Discussion on Town Meeting Date:** If another Town meeting is needed, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June will be the target. If the budget is not passed, tax bills will be issued with the current rate and a second bill will go out after the mill rate is finalized.
7. **Discussion on Flag Pole at Town Hall:** Mr. Ives suggests the quote in the amount of \$2419.46 for a 25' flagpole with an internal winch halyard. Replacing the flag on the roof top will continue to fray and twist and we will have the same issues arise. Mr. Voccio agrees. The location of the pole would be on the northeast side of the Town Hall. A light will be relocated to the new pole. Selectmen agree to move forward.
8. **Single Family Dwellings:** No discussion.
9. **Calls for Service:** No discussion.
10. **Approve Bills:** Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$160,254.59. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
11. **Other Business:** Mr. Voccio inquires on the group that requested to use the community center free of cost. Mr. Ives has not heard back from them since their initial request.

Mr. Voccio would like to see the information presented at meetings, Planning and Zoning in particular, to be available on the website along with the minutes. Plans could be provided electronically in a PDF version. This would be beneficial to residents who aren't able to attend the meetings but is interested in the topics. Mr. Ives will see if this could be done.

Mr. Ives will provide the Selectmen with the employee handbook for the next meeting. It was revised by the town attorney's office. There are policies that will apply to everyone.

Mr. Kelleher questions why Tim Brown received payment from the Town. Mr. Ives explains he did the apron on his driveway himself, and we paid him back. This is an option for residents, but does not happen often.

Mr. Kelleher questions the bill to Tru Green. Mr. Ives states this is an ongoing contract and they were hired off the State bid list.

**12. Public Comment:** Mr. Kerouack states part of the list the EDC members are requesting should already be made by the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Kerouack states there have been discussions about removing the industrial zone and he feels it should not be removed because it is a great economic resource.

Mr. Kerouack feels a coordinator for EDC is a great idea and the Town should stay open to the idea of it being a new person, who is experienced.

**13. Adjourn:** Mr. Voccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kelleher seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley  
Recording Secretary