

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2017
6:30pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

Present: Rick Ives, Joe Voccio, Robert Kelleher, and April Lamothe; Recording Secretary
Also Present: Ken Dykstra, David Fuss, Aaron Kerouack, WINY Radio, and Public

- 1) **Call to Order:** Rick Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- 2) **Approve Previous Minutes:** Robert Kelleher made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/28/17 as presented. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3) **Public Comment:** David Fuss asked for an update on the Finance Director. Rick Ives replied that they have made an offer and are waiting to hear back. Once the position has been filled, it will be announced.
- 4) **Discussion on Financials:** The 2016-2017 budget is the same as last time.
- 5) **Discussion on 2017-18 Budget:** There is a new format that is easier to read.
 - The Town has received its first ECS payment of \$1,046,306, which is \$834,362 less than budgeted. Also the Town should have received the money on October 31st, but instead the funds were received on October 3rd. This is the first reduced payment due to the Governor's executive orders. Rick Ives said that a plan should be made in November to manage the reduced ECS payment. They can not wait until January and the second payment, if the State budget has not been passed. The Town planned on not receiving money for Mashamoquet, Municipal Revenue Sharing, and POLIT, which is helping the Town budget with the cuts being made by the State. Robert Kelleher mentioned that if the Town does not have to contribute to the teachers' pension, the money that was slated for that will help the Town's budget. Discussion ensued on State budget talks.
 - Joe Voccio asked how the finance director was being funded. Rick Ives said that next year they will work on splitting the cost between General Government and the School's budget.
- 6) **Discussion on Governor's Executive Order:** The first order was that every town was getting cuts made to them. The second order made the alliance districts whole and took more money away from Brooklyn. The third order, proposed, was going to help Hartford.
- 7) **Discussion on ECS Payments:** Reduced payment of \$834,362.
- 8) **School Roof Update:** Rick Ives reported that the Middle School roof is done and the Elementary School roof should be done by the end of October/beginning of November. The third installment has been paid to the Middle School contractor, which just leaves the retainment to be paid. The Elementary School contractor has been paid twice. There was one bidder for bonding; Jewett City Savings with a little over 2%. Robert Kelleher asked if ban rates have gone up; Rick Ives responded that there is concern about the State budget. It is only being borrowed for 8 months and they can pay it early with no plenty. The Town has received the first payment from the State.
- 9) **Set Town Meeting Date:** Rick Ives mentioned that if a meeting is set for after the election, the meeting might be able to include fracking waste and the line of credit. He suggested November 16, 2017 for the town meeting. Discussion ensued. Joe Voccio made a motion to schedule a Town Meeting for November 16th for the purposes of

adopting the new Ethics ordinance and a possibility of a fracking ordinance and/or approval of a line of credit. Robert Kelleher seconded the motion. Discussion: Robert Kelleher does not agree that the Ethics ordinance is ready for the Town Meeting. Motion passed 2-1.

10) Housing Authority Update: Rick Ives reported that the Housing Authority is trying to sell Tiffany Place for a \$1 to a non-profit group and is working on clarifying the non-profits position of ownership and responsibilities. Rick Ives mentioned that if Tiffany Place, in the future, were to be resold for any type of housing, as opposed to low income, affordable, distressed, etc., that the Board should have a conversion before that happens because it could be adverse for Brooklyn. Joe Voccio agrees, especially with the Department of Housing releasing the affordability restrictions on the properties.

11) Single Family Dwellings: See attachment.

12) Calls for Service: See attachment.

13) Approve Bills: Joe Voccio made a motion to approve the bills; voucher #1037 in the amount of \$1,170,310.78. Robert Kelleher seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

14) Other Business: None

15) Public Comment: None

16) Adjourn: Robert Kelleher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
April Lamothe
Recording Secretary