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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 11, 2022
6:30pm via Zoom and in person
Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Heather Allen, Sandy Brodeur, Gil Maiato and Ken Dykstra

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. **Approve Minutes:** L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/28/2022 as presented. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Appointments/Resignations:**

WPCA – L. Brodeur made a motion to accept Bob Kelleher’s resignation from WPCA with regrets. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Charles Sczuroski, JR as a regular member to WPCA with a term expiring 2/01/2026. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

BOFC – L. Brodeur made a motion to appoint Patrick Gauthier as the East Brooklyn Representative from list received, with a term expiring 9/11/2023. J. Voccio seconded the motion. A list of three names was received from Chief Pepin. Pat has been the representative for years and was their first choice. Motion passed 3-0.

IWWC – L. Brodeur made a motion to reappoint Richard Oliverson as a regular member to Inland Wetlands with a term expiring 9/12/2025. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Discussion on Financials:** Revenues: the opioid settlement is included in the miscellaneous revenue. The Fire Marshal inspections are over budget.
6. **Discussion on Community Center Purchase:** A. Tanner states it was agreed upon to buy the Community Center from the Housing Authority, but the purchase never went forward. J. Voccio made a motion to continue with the purchase of the Community Center for \$1 from the Housing Authority and send it to Town Meeting. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- 7. Discussion on Paradise Lake Land – Possible Sale:** A. Tanner was approached by someone who would like to buy lot 49-163 & 49-153 at the corner of Paradise drive and Short street. He offered \$15,000. This property went through a tax sale and the Town ended up taking it back. A. Tanner will get more information on it. L. Brodeur made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 8. Update on Town Hall Painting:** The primer has begun being applied.
- 9. Discussion on Quotes received for Town Hall Gutters:** A. Tanner received three quotes for gutters. They are not comparable; one is 6" wide aluminum, not seamless; second is 5" seamless; and the third gave a quote for both sizes and seamless. A. Tanner will get a quote from the second company for 6" gutters to compare.
- 10. Discussion and action on STEAP Grant Resolutions:** A. Tanner is applying for a STEAP grant for drainage on Tatnic Road. At one point in time, we opted out of the program to apply for and Urban Act Community grant. The Town needs to pass the attached resolution and petition to OPM to opt back in. J. Voccio makes a motion to authorize the resolution seeking status as a STEAP eligible Town. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
The second resolution must be submitted with the STEAP application to allow Austin Tanner to authorize documents for the grant. J. Voccio made a motion to authorize the resolution of municipal legislative body for a STEAP grant and authorize Austin Tanner to enter into such agreement, contracts and execute necessary documents. L. Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- 11. Update on Generator Project at CBGMC:** Roger LaFleur is heading this project and gathering information needed. He is looking into having the entire complex on one generator versus installing just one for the Senior Center.
- 12. Discussion on Permit Dispute:** A. Tanner states the Allen's applied for a farm pond and was asked to complete many things, including a survey done by Paul Archer. The pond was approved but the Allen's don't feel as if they should pay for things that were required by the zoning officer but not required in the regulations. A. Tanner is not sure we can reimburse for a third-party service but maybe the Town fees could be reimbursed as a gesture. Heather Allen explains they applied for a farm pond in April 2021. The regulations state a farm pond is permitted by use, non-regulated. Given to Margaret Washburn were ariels of the pond's location, rough size and dimensions and how we are a farm. Back and forth exchange with M. Washburn for several months and different things asked to be done, totaling over \$8,000. Six or seven commission meetings were attended, a hearing was held, and it was deemed a farm pond. The wetlands agent is still trying to dispute putting in the pond. The majority of things that were asked to be done are not part of the regulations and H. Allen and her husband are upset of this process and the staff did not know their job and was it not done properly. They are asking for reimbursement because this process should never have gone this far. They are willing to pay the survey portion because that is something that will value them in the future, but the balance should not have been required to be done. They also ask for the permit fee back because it is

not required. A. Tanner will set up a special meeting with the Allen's and Margaret. It will be a public meeting.

13. Single Family Dwellings: No discussion

14. Calls for Service: No discussion

15. Approve Bills: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve bill voucher #1079 dated 8/11/2022 in the amount of \$247,372.43. J. Voccio seconded the motion. JKS services is still being paid when we have in-house IT now. A. Tanner believes they may service our backups; he will look into it. \$1200 to Govt. OS is questioned also, A. Tanner will investigate this also.

16. Other Business: A. Tanner reads a thank you letter for the citizens award and gift card from a Brooklyn student awarded this at graduation.

*Note: letter not made available to attach to the minutes.

The voucher number on bills is questioned and how they work. The BOS approve vouchers each meeting, but they are not in order. There are always voucher numbers in between not accounted for. A. Tanner will speak with Shelley.

17. Public Comment: Gil Maiato states he does not feel he is the right person to sit on the Planning and Zoning commission. This requires someone who is a lawyer or educated to understand the regulations. They can easily be interpreted different ways. The meeting is also way to long and a staff member goes on and on. The regulations are not simple, and some may be written wrong.

It is also requested to have a water bubble back available to the public who visit this building.

18. Adjourn: L. Brodeur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Voccio seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted;



Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary