

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Brooklyn Middle School. First order of business was to elect a Moderator. Rick Ives nominated Robert J. Kelleher, seconded by Drew Dionne. Being no other nominations, Robert Kelleher was duly authorized. Moderator noted the first five items on the agenda were Resolutions for approval as follows:

**Item #2A-RESOLVED:** That the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to demolish property located at 9 Prince Hill Road, known as the old recreation building, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Motion made to accept by Rick Ives, seconded by David Fuss. Austin Tanner, First Selectman gave a brief overview of the building to be demolished. A vote was taken and the Resolution was approved.

**Item #2B-RESOLVED:** That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to sign the Inter-Town Capital Equipment Purchase Grant with the State of Connecticut. Motion made to accept by Rick Ives, seconded by David Fuss. Moderator noted the attached Resolution states the "Board of Selectmen" it should read "First Selectman" as indicated in the call of the meeting. A motion to amend the Resolution to read "First Selectman" by David Fuss, seconded by Drew Dionne. A vote was taken on the amendment, Moderator Kelleher declared the amendment approve. A vote on the main motion with amendment was taken and approved.

**Item #2C-RESOLVED:** That the Board of Selectman is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend any private, state or federal grants, either solely or jointly with other municipalities, and authorize the Board and other officials to take any action related thereto. Motion made to accept by David Fuss, seconded by Rick Ives. A vote was taken and Moderator declared the Resolution approved.

**Item#2D-RESOLVED-**That the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to accept a certain easement from Plover Housing Associates Limited partnership to the Town of Brooklyn in order to provide access from Day Street to the town's recreational area. A motion to accept was made by Drew Dionne, seconded by Lauren Rossi. A vote was taken and approved.

**Item#2E-RESOLVED-**That the town of Brooklyn expend excess funds from the School Wall Building Project in the amount of \$5,470.00 and \$14,600.00. A motion was made to vote on the two items separately by Rick Ives, seconded by David Fuss. Vote was taken and approved. A motion to approve \$5,470.00 was made by Drew Dionne, seconded by David Fuss. First Selectman, Austin Tanner gave a brief overview of the project. A vote was taken and declared approved.

Michael Nijjadik questioned the addition of the second item. The total of the two figures of \$12,000.00 for bleachers and \$1,600.00 for Logo should be \$13,600.00 not \$14,600.00. A motion to amend the amount to total \$13,600.00 was made by Michael Nijjadik, seconded by Rick Ives. Approved. An amendment was made by Roland Daigneault, seconded by Leonard Bissonnette to take out \$1,600.00 for the logo. A vote was taken on the amendment by hand count. The results were 31 FOR the amendment and 34 AGAINST. Moderator declared the amendment failed. Leonard Bissonnette moved the question to a vote, seconded by David Fuss. A vote was taken and Moderator declared the amount of \$13,600.00 approved.

The next five items for approval were proposed ordinances as follows:

**Item#3A-Proposed Ordinance** changing the Town Treasurer from elected to an appointed position. Ordinance attached. Motion to approve was made by Drew Dionne, seconded by David Fuss. Questions were raised about the salary and job description. Leonard Bissonnette moved the question to a vote, seconded by David Fuss. A vote was taken and ordinance passed.

**Item#3B-Proposed Ordinance** providing for a Property Tax Exemption for Farm Buildings and Additional Farm Machinery. Ordinance attached. A motion to approve was made by David Fuss, seconded by Rick Ives. A vote was taken and approved.

**Item#3C-Proposed Ordinance** regarding Permits for Special Events. Ordinance attached. Motion to approve was made by Rick Ives, seconded by Lauren Rossi. Lengthy discussion for and against the proposed ordinance. Rick Ives moved the question to a vote, seconded by David Fuss.

A vote was taken and Moderator requested a hand count. Two counts were taken resulting in a tie vote. Moderator Kelleher voted for the proposed ordinance to break the tie. The results were 35 FOR and 34 AGAINST. The Moderator declared the ordinance passed.

**Item#3D-** Proposed Ordinance amending the Brooklyn Resource Recovery Authority Ordinance to create the Brooklyn Resource Recovery Commission. Ordinance attached. A motion to approve was made by Michael Niejadlik, seconded by David Fuss. Resource Recovery Chairman, Michael Barry gave a brief overview of the proposed change. A vote was taken and approved.

**Item#3E-** Proposed Anti-Blight Ordinance. Ordinance attached. Motion to approve was made by David Fuss, seconded by Michael Niejadlik. Patrick Gauthier introduced an amendment to change the word "AND" to "OR" in the first paragraph of the ordinance to read ...blighted premises adversely affects neighborhood property values within the Town and may threaten the health, safety OR general welfare of its residents and citizens. Seconded by David Fuss. Vote taken on the amendment was approved. Discussion for and against was heard. Leonard Bissonnette moved the question to a vote, seconded by David Fuss. A vote was taken with the amendment and approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Niejadlik, seconded by Rick Ives. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leona A. Mainville, MMC  
Town Clerk