BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 19, 2014-FINAL

Members Present: Bernardine Hoard, Jim Rogers, Dot Maggio, Mike O'Donnell

Members Absent: Bruce Mello

Others Present: Somara Zwick, Guy Tanza, Shannon Meckle

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Bernardine Hoard, Chair.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 12, 2014 were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim Rogers and seconded by Dot Maggio to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Scheduled Members of the Public:

There were no Scheduled Members of the Public.

Unscheduled Members of the Public:

There were no Unscheduled Members of the Public.

OLD BUSINESS

Health Order: Bernardine reported that she and Dot made a site visit to the Arbuckle property. There was no garbage present and the septic had been removed. She noted there was construction debris, furniture, bags of clothes, and other items, but no garbage. She felt that all of the Health Ordinance related expectations had been met.

Dot will review the statutes and speak with VLCT, then report back to the Board.

School: Dot Maggio noted that the School Board will be discussing the terms of the lease to determine the expiration date of the lease.

Road Closed Signs: Jim Rogers noted that the "road closed" signs have been removed from Putney Mountain Road. He reiterated that while the road is not maintained in the winter, it is not closed. The snow banks from plowing will serve as a barrier. Discussion ensued regarding the cement barriers. The Board will request the blocks be returned to the town.

Snow Removal: Jim Rogers noted that he'd received no complaints on the plowing and sanding job done during the last storm. Discussion ensued regarding the payment schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss.

PAY ORDERS

The pay orders were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Payroll Warrant No. 19 in the amount of $1,264.63. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 20 in the amount of $5,485.49. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Appropriation requests from:
    - Morningside Shelter
    - Townshend Community Food Shelf

- Retriever Rescue Newsletter

BUDGET

Listers: The Board received a request from the Listers for a $1,000.00 increase to $4,200.00. Bernardine Hoard read the letter. They noted that they had received an increase in hourly pay, but the budget doesn't reflect it. Somara directed the Board's attention to the FY 14 actual figure of $4,200.00.

The Board and the Treasurer went through the Operational Budget and the Highway Operating Budget, line by line and estimated figures.

The Board reviewed appropriation requests and estimated a final figure. They will revisit appropriation requests in December after organizations have a chance to send them in. The Board tentatively added $100.00 for the Townshend Community Food Shelf as a new request.

During the revenue portion of the discussion, Somara suggested adding a footnote in the budget presented to the voters, outlining what grants the town will be applying for.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the benefits of renting equipment versus purchasing equipment. Somara recommended that the next budget meeting entail cost comparisons and lengthier discussion. Mike will look into costs and benefits.

Overspending will be explained to the voters. Somara outlined that overspending is largely due to emergency work that has not been reimbursed yet.

Somara will calculate the figures estimated and come back to the Board with what the budget looks like. She will attend the December 17 meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Meckle