BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 14, 2015 FINAL

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

Others Present: Archie Clark, Kim Rink, Guy Tanza, Shannon Meckle

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Bernardine Hoard, Chair.

MINUTES

The minutes of January 7, 2015 were reviewed. A motion was made by Bruce Mello and seconded by Mike O'Donnell to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Scheduled Members of the Public:

Church Discussion: Stanley Noga was not present, however Dot Maggio reported that there is $5,000.00 remaining in a historic preservation grant from the round schoolhouse. The Church Committee was wondering if the money could be transferred to the church for repairs. She also suggested that the Board check the round schoolhouse before requesting the money be transferred, in order to ensure no repairs are needed. Discussion ensued. It was noted that a formal presentation would probably not be ready for Town Meeting.

Dot also gave a report on the revolving loan fund. She noted that there is $30,000.00 remaining in the fund. Stanley Noga went over the sequence of the loan fund. He is waiting for an official letter stating that the town can use the funds for the church. Dot noted that this would probably not be ready for Town Meeting discussion either. Dot brought a Brattleboro Reformer article to the board's attention, wherein the Town of Rockingham used their load fund to give a loan to a local business owner. Guy Tanza noted that one person continues to pay their loan payments to the town.

Unscheduled Members of the Public:

Kim Rink requested a discussion about the title search that was done on the church as well as the Greer Road bridge.

On the land dispute, Kim Rink presented a map and noted the Church Committee minutes state that a title search has been completed. The Board reviewed the map. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed that issue would need to be addressed by legal counsel, in order to review the deed and survey to find out what was included in the deed.

Greer Road: Bernardine Hoard suggested holding a public hearing regarding Greer Road on February 25, in order to hear public comment and make a decision. It needs 30 days warning time. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to warn and hold a public hearing on February 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for Greer Road. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mileage Certificate: Bernardine Hoard reviewed the Annual Highway Mileage Certificate for the Board. The Board signed the Mileage Certificate.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Meeting Warning: Dot Maggio presented a new article for the warning regarding the school purchase. She noted they are working with the Agency of Education on a forbearance clause. She noted that Ian will work with the AOE if directed to do so by the Selectboard. The legal fees would be approximately $800.00 (5 hours). The Board would need the agreement before Town Meeting. Ian also would be willing to attend Town Meeting and would make himself available. A motion was made by Dot Maggio to utilize legal counsel to negotiate forbearance agreement and the term of public use of the building, at an approximate cost of $800.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. The motion carried with four in favor and Mike O'Donnell abstaining.

Article 10 was amended to read "concrete slab."

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve the warning as amended. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

Local Emergency Operations Plan: Discussion was tabled. Mike will bring a draft to the next meeting.

Windham Solid Waste Management District: It was noted there has been no communication from the representative. The budget passed.

Windham County Sheriff's Department: It was noted there has been no communication recently. Guy noted a bill was received. The Board reviewed the new invoice.

Cost Summary: Dot Maggio noted that she would send a second request for the cost summary from WCSU.

Town Meeting/Town Report: Dot noted that school warnings should be sent to the town offices.

Dot asked about a memorial for the Town Report and also noted that the Ladies' Benevolent Society dedication has been submitted by the Church Committee.

Bernardine Hoard noted that she started a draft of the Selectboard Report, but asked Dot for assistance. Dot will send a draft to the rest of the Board for review.

Town Meeting Access: Dot will talk to Tina Bills regarding access for Town Meeting and discuss lease. Mike O'Donnell will talk to Mike Fitzpatrick about sanding the entrance and parking lot.

PAY ORDERS

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard and seconded by Mike O'Donnell to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 25 in the amount of $3,321.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard and seconded by Mike O'Donnell to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 27 in the amount of $11,683.78. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard and seconded by Bruce Mello to approve Payroll Warrant No. 28 in the amount of $1,336.98. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

-2015 Annual Highway Mileage (to replace previous copy dated incorrectly by State)
-Opinions Newsletter (Secretary of State)
- VTrans Weight Restriction Renewals

AGENDA:

Board members will email Bernardine with additions to the agenda for January 28, 2015.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Meckle