BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 28, 2015 Final

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

Others Present: Stanley Noga, Patricia Noga, Guy Tanza

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bernardine Hoard, Chair.

MINUTES

The minutes of January 14, 2015 were reviewed. A motion was made by Dot Maggio and seconded by Mike O'Donnell to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Scheduled Members of the Public:

Church Property: Stanley Noga was present to discuss the land dispute between the town and the Rinks. He directed summarized past events, noting it was not an issue previously, and directed the Board's attention to a deed dated October 23, 1944, which explains the land that was sold to the Rink family.

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee's roles and responsibilities, and the importance of looking at all information. It was noted that an attorney has already been contacted by the landowner and they will review the information. The cost of another title search would be approximately $900 - $1000, and if an error is found, insurance will cover the error.

Unscheduled Members of the Public:

There were no Unscheduled Members of the Public.

OLD BUSINESS

Cornish Appeal: Stanley Noga informed the Board that he'd received a call from the Attorney Sullivan that a Notice of Appeal had been filed with the Vermont Supreme Court. The appellant has 30 days in which to file the specifics, at which time the Attorney would be contacting someone to discuss further action. Stanley noted, in light of his resignation as Town Agent, that he would agree to continue on as a contact person for this issue, however if the Board was not inclined to accept the offer, he recommended that Guy Tanza be the contact person.
School Transfer: Stanley reported that the Agency of Education has offered a public-use term of five years for the forbearance clause. Discussion ensued. Stanley explained that the process

would entail accepting the offer (or negotiating) and once the term has been determined, a written agreement would be drafted. How quickly it's completed depends on how quickly the Board acts. Dot agreed to call Ian Sullivan the next day.

Bill for Title Search: Stanley reported that the title search company received a check for $230.00 more than the bill. They can send the check back, or cash the check and send the balance to the attorney for a retainer on future work. Guy noted that he'd talk to Somara and see what she suggested doing.

Town Agent Resignation: Stanley Noga expressed his willingness to be of assistance to the Board, even though he'd tendered his resignation. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons behind the resignation. The Board and Stanley agreed that communication should be increased between the Board and the Town Agent. After a lengthy discussion, agreed to rescind his resignation and finish out his term, and to see if perhaps the differences can be worked out before March. The Board thanked Stanley for his continued wok.

Greer Road: Bernardine reported that she talked with Jonathan Croft, the Mapping Specialist at VTrans, and a hearing will need to be held. She noted that the State has Greer Road listed as a Non-compliant Class 3 road. All funding has been withdrawn for this road. The State has determined that the Town needs to make a determination.

Bernardine noted that she has set the hearing for February 28. The site visit will be at 10:00 a.m. and the Hearing will follow at 11:00. The Board has 60 days following the hearing to give their decision. April 25 is the decision deadline. She noted that Mark Pickering is sending specifications for both Class 3 roads and Class 4 roads, and Mark Bills will be dropping of bridge estimates. Requirements for notice of the hearing were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Office Use Policy: The Board discussed the current Town Office Use Policy, as well as the keys to the Town Office. Guy confirmed that currently, there are 19 keys out. He suggested re-keying the building after Town Meeting and giving them only to workers and Selectboard. He also suggested tightening up the policy, as recently supplies have been missing, and the number of copies has increased drastically.

The Board discussed language to be added in the policy.

CDL Requirements: It was confirmed that a CDL is not necessary for a CDL and the employee would have his regular license back in a few weeks.

Dumpsters: The Board discussed contacting Mike Fitzpatrick to have him clean out around the recycling bins.

Town Meeting/ School Building: Dot reported that she'd contacted Tina Bills regarding a tour of the building and use for Town Meeting, but she was away and will not be back until Monday.

Round Schoolhouse: Dot reported that she'd talked to Cynthia regarding the $5,000 remaining in the grant fund. Cynthia stated there is a budget for the round schoolhouse and repairs can be paid for from that; and that it was fine for the money to go to the Church. Discussion ensued.

Neighbor Dispute: Dot reported that she'd talked with the abutting landowner, who reported that a truck load of metal was removed, however the trailers are still there. Dot noted that she'd stated that the town cannot be involved in a neighbor dispute. The health issue was taken care of.

School Lease: There was no new information to report, other than that Steve John would like to keep the town involved with the lease and will keep them informed of any developments.

Church Committee Membership: Bruce noted that he was originally named as a liaison between the Board and the Church Committee, but he has become more involved and would like to be a voting member. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to appoint Bruce Mello to serve on the Church Committee as a voting member. The motion was seconded by Bernardine Hoard. The motion carried unanimously.

Greer Road Letter: Bernardine reported that a letter was received from the Rink's attorney regarding Greer Road. It was the consensus of the Board that they should respond to the letter, letting him know that the landowner will be receiving a notice of hearing. Discussion ensued regarding surveying requirements.

PAY ORDERS

The pay orders were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 29 in the amount of $9,992.82. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Payroll Warrant No. 30 in the amount of $921.27. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed correspondence. Discussion ensued regarding note from Somara, asking whether the Board wants to bill the landowner for the cost paid to the fire departments from the May fire. The consensus was to charge. Bernardine will respond to Somara.

Other Correspondence received:

WRC letter
Mileage Certificate from VTrans

AGENDA:

The next meeting will be held on February 11. The Board will email Bernardine with any additions to the agenda.

Guy Tanza asked whether Board members would be available to help with the Leland and Gray vote on February 4. Dot and Bruce noted they would be available.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jim Rogers to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Meckle