BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 25, 2015 FINAL

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

Others Present: Nancy Caldwell, Sherry Greene, Mark Bills, Stanley Noga, Guy Tanza, Shannon Meckle

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

The minutes of January 28, 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:

Nancy Caldwell, Animal Control Officer was present to discuss a dog bite incident. She noted that a person had been bitten, but didn't want to file a complaint. The week after, the same dog attacked another dog. As Animal Control Officer, she picked up the dog for quarantine, as it was not current on vaccinations, but no facility in the immediate area would accept the dog, as it was vicious. The dog ended up going back home because there was no place for it to go.

This is not just a problem for Brookline, but a county-wide issue. She noted that a possible solution might be for the area towns to get together and create a space at Windham County Humane Society to hold these animals.

Discussion ensued. The Board will write a letter to the dog owner notifying them that they are in violation. Nancy will forward the information to the Board for the letter. Guy Tanza will contact VLC. In the meantime, the Board encouraged Nancy to contact the Humane Society to discuss a possible solution.

It was noted that Nancy remained uncompensated for the time she spent on this case, approximately nine hours. A motion was made by Bruce Mello to approve reimbursement for Nancy's time and mileage. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. The motion carried unanimously.

Unscheduled Members of the Public:

Town Meeting: Stanley Noga asked about tables and chairs and set up for Town Meeting. Guy encouraged the Board to check on the space and the set up ahead of time, and also to speak to the snow removal team. Mike O'Donnell will contact call tomorrow.

Discussion ensued regarding when the Board can look at the space. Consensus of the Board was to meet after the hearing on Saturday.

Preservation Trust: Stanley noted that a professional contractor, Mr. Lewandowski can come and inspect the church and make recommendations for $500.00. The Preservation Trust has offered a grant for $250.00 A motion was made by Dot Maggio to authorize expenditure of $250.00 grant match for Mr. Lewandowski to inspect the church. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Greer Road Hearing: Bernardine noted there would be a hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. The Board then has 60 days in which to make a decision. Discussion ensued regarding plowing and parking for the site visit. Mark Bills noted he was going to take the grader out and push the snow banks back. Stanley Noga asked about the classification. The Board confirmed that it is an unfunded Class 3 road.

Town Meeting: A few errors in the Town Report were noted in preparation for Town Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Town Meeting process. Offices are nominated from the floor.

Policies/Ordinances: Discussion ensued regarding ordinances. Guy noted that unsigned copies are not listed, as they are not legal copies. Old policies will need to be revisited.

School Update: Dot Maggio summarized the situation, noting that the Board had authorized Ian Sullivan to negotiate a letter of forbearance with the Agency of Education. Five years of using the building for public good was agreed upon. However, the Attorney General's office would not sign an agreement, stating that the Agency of Education didn't have the right to make the agreement.

Stanley Noga explained the process behind the grant, and noted that the legislature has to approve the grant and would also have to approve the forbearance. Discussion ensued regarding the interpretation of the Attorney General's letter.

Guy Tanza outlined his discussion with Garrett Baxter from VLCT. He noted that the town should have a Purchase and Sales Agreement contingent on inspection of the building. The Board will also need to keep track of the easement for water and piping between the church and the school.

Discussion ensued regarding the process of the sale of the school.

Title Insurance: Stanley Noga stated that when he discussed the discrepancy in the amount owed to the attorney, he did not mean to imply that an error was made by the town.

Roads: It was noted by the Board that Fitzpatrick has been doing a good job on the roads. They seem wide enough. Mark Bills noted that he'd winged back the snow. He noted possibly more sand and salt could be used, however all towns are in the same predicament.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Applications: The Board will visit these after the organizational meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding appointing a Flood Plain Administrator at Town Meeting.

PAY ORDERS

The pay orders were reviewed.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 32 in the amount of $17,637.82. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Payroll Warrant No. 31 in the amount of $1,255.62. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Payroll Warrant No. 33 in the amount of $1,794.26. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Lynde Well Drilling - Excess Weight Permit Application

- VTrans Road and Bridge Certification

- VTrans Annual Financial Plan

- Interoffice Memo from Somara regarding tax bill printing.

AGENDA:

The next meeting will be March 11, and will be the Organizational Meeting.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim Rogers. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Meckle