BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 18, 2015 FINAL

Members Present: Bernardine Hoard, Dot Maggio, Stanley Noga, Bruce Mello, Mike O'Donnell

Others Present: Archie Clark, Mark Bills, Ian Sullivan, Laurie Rowell

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

March 11, 2015: The Board reviewed the minutes. The following corrections were made:

- Bruce Mello was listed under "Others Present" instead of "Members Present."
- Road Commissioner position was listed as elected and should have said appointed.
- Under Scheduled Members of the Public, it states that the Board would take Barbara Bourne's suggestion under advisement. The sentence should be deleted.
- Regarding donations, Stanley thanked both individuals and businesses, add "individuals."

Dot Maggio made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard and seconded by Bruce Mello to change the order of the meeting, and move to Unscheduled Members, as Ian Sullivan was not present yet. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Unscheduled Members of the Public: There were no unscheduled members of the public.

NEW BUSINESS

The updated list of Officers was provided to the Board.

The Board reviewed and signed the Appointment of Town Service Officer.

Windham Solid Waste Management: Stanley noted he contacted WSWMD and reported on the information he received. He will be reviewing the information on the websites he was given and asked for this issue to to be on the next agenda.

Flood Plain Administrator: Stanley reported that he'd reviewed the information and would be willing to serve if Sherry doesn't want to do it. He went over some of the changes that are occurring in the program regarding funding. Guy Tanza noted that Alyssa from Windham Regional Commission would be happy to come in and explain the program, at the Board's request.

Nomination of Vice Chair: Stanley clarified that in his nomination of Dot for Vice Chair, that he did not mean to imply that Mike wasn't capable, and didn't want it to be taken as adverse toward Mike.

OLD BUSINESS

Road Commissioner Update: Archie Clark reported that Guy gave him Overweight Permits that he'd sign and give to Guy to send back.

He noted that the TA-60 form from VTrans is for the Board to sign and gave it to them for their signatures.

Archie reported that he'd ridden with Mark Bills and looks forward to working with him. One priority is getting Wellman Bridge finalized. He reported that Mike brought the folder that Jim had given him, but one thing that wasn't' included was the plan for Wellman Bridge. Ron Bell dropped a copy off to Archie. He will meet with Marc Pickering within the next week or two, and Mike expressed an interest in being part of the meeting. Archie noted that it seems like there is a discrepancy between the plans and what the state is willing to pay for. It will be clarified during the meeting.

Archie reported that they identified areas to be paved and recommended applying for a paving grant. The maximum grant available is $175,000. As it has been nine years since their last paving grant, the chances of approval are good. He stated that the chances of a structures grant are considerably less, since they just got one, but the State encourages applying.

Discussion ensued regarding grant opportunities. Archie will have drafts of grant applications for the Board's review.

Archie pointed out a few structures that were indicated in 2012 to be deficient and had hydraulic studies done. One is below Papoose Road, and the other one is by Browns. He noted that they are about the same size and both will require box culverts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dot Maggio to enter into Executive Session for legal issues at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Dot Maggio. The motion was seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Stanley noted that the Preservation Trust of Vermont send a check for $250.00, however made it payable to the Brookline Preservation Group instead of Town of Brookline. He will send it back and have a new one written.

Mark Bills reported that he put up the posted signs, as the roads are showing signs of mud and ruts. He had one call to see if they could move some logs, Archie gave them permission on a frozen morning to go ahead.

Mark also reported that he attended the Ash Bore workshop, and that it was mostly about how to deal with the dying of the ash trees. They have not been reported in Vermont yet. Traps are set out to identify them. One of the ways to prevent this, is regulating firewood being carried across state lines.

It was suggested that the town consider the cost of tree removal in the future when budgeting. The State Forester can provide assistance in identifying the trees. Mark Bills also suggested inventorying the town's white, green, and black ash trees.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

PAY ORDERS

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard and seconded by Dot Maggio to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant in the amount of $7,768.75. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA

Members will email Bernardine with additions to the Agenda.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Bruce Mello and seconded by Stanley Noga to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Meckle