BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 1, 2015 FINAL

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

Others Present: Archie Clark, Mark Bills, Shannon Meckle

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

March 18, 2015: The minutes were reviewed. Dot noted that Laurie Rowell was present along with Ian Sullivan. A motion was made by Bruce Mello to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. The motion carried unanimously.

March 11, 2015: Mike O'Donnell noted that he remembered the Board telling Barbara Bourne that they would take her suggestion under advisement. A motion was made by Stanley Noga to put the sentence back into the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. 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

WSWMD Update: Stanley updated the Board on research he has been doing regarding the new recycling law. He suggested tabling the discussion until he could take the time to read the information provided, attend the first meeting and report back. Bernardine asked whether Stan felt he had time to be the representative as she'd received a letter from someone interested in the position. After discussion, Bernardine Hoard made a motion to appoint David Jones as Representative to WSWMD. The motion was seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dot Maggio and seconded by Stanley Noga to Appoint Tom Kavet to the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Bernardine will ask David Jones if he's interested in additional positions, and will have David contact Stanley for the information he's already gathered.

Stanley suggested perhaps putting the recycling law timeline on the website for information.

Road Commissioner - Grant Applications, Etc.:

Archie Clark reported on the meeting he and Mark Bills had with VTrans District 2 on Friday.

At the meeting, VTrans presented a new version of the Certificate of Compliance, and asked if they could sign the new one. The Board reviewed and signed the new form. Stanley confirmed that the town is in compliance.

Paving: Archie noted that they looked at 1.2 miles of Grassy Brook Road with Lane Construction. The area will need shim and overlay. Marc Pickering noted that funds for culvert replacement would be available under the Paving Grant. Mark Bills obtained a price of 2,000 tons at $91.00 price per ton in place for a total of $182,000. Three 18-inch culverts would cost $5,700.00. Total grant amount available is $175,000. Archie presented the grant application to the Board for their review.

Wellman Bridge: Archie reported on the site visit at Wellman Bridge with VTrans. He had obtained a copy of plan drawn up by Ron Bell and it was noted that the design is not something the State is willing to fund under an emergency repair grant. Marc Pickering is going to meet with the town and Todd Menees and a structural engineer from the State of Vermont to come up with a plan.

Bruce Mello asked how much more of Grassy Brook Road needed to be paved after the 1.2 miles is done. Archie explained the layout and plan for the 1.2 miles this coming year. He also noted Hill Road has some places that could be done.

Mark Bills noted he'd ordered the cold patch for the pot holes and will take care of them as soon as it comes in. He reported that the dirt roads are holding up pretty good, but the warmer weather coming could cause mud.

Better Back Roads: The Board reviewed the grant application. Archie noted that there is a workshop on April 8 in Putney to assist in filling out the grant application. The application deadline is May 15. The Board gave the grant application to Archie.

Guy asked about the area of Grassy Brook Road that's sinking. Mark Bills noted he'd talked about that area during the meeting with VTrans. Discussion ensued regarding long term plans for repairing the area.

LEOP Update:

Mike O'Donnell has the paper work for the Local Emergency Operations Plan and will get it filled out as soon as possible. Mike gave the Board his updated email address.

School: Stan Noga updated the Board regarding having an inspection of the School Building. He noted that having one company come in and inspect all aspects of the building would cost between $1,500.00 and $2,0000.00.

Bruce went over some notes that he drew up regarding the school. He suggested a one or two person committee that will be adjunct to the people doing the inspection of the building and noted that he would like to be involved. He also suggested a committee that takes care of all town buildings to keep on top of the maintenance, (with the Church Committee being separate.)

After review of the purchase policy, a motion was made by Dot Maggio to authorize Stanley to collect a minimum of two, preferably three bids on the building inspection of the Brookline School Building, with a $2,000 maximum. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

Greer Road: Bernardine reported that the Notice of Hearing will be in the paper this week. All notices to landowners have been sent. She noted that she received a call from someone concerned that the road will be completely blocked. She invited him to the hearing.

Animal Control Officer: Dot Maggio reported that Nancy Caldwell is still trying to get something solidified regarding somewhere to house vicious animals. She noted they are still having a problem with dogs.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- Email from Somara regarding the election of collector of current taxes. It was noted that the town may need to hold a special town meeting. Dot will call Somara and talk to her and then check with VLCT for next steps. Taxes will need to be collected May 15. A

motion was made by Stanley Noga to authorize Dot Maggio to speak on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

- Memorandum from Somara regarding tax exemption for town veterans' exemption.
- VLCT News
- VLCT Notice of Effective Property Tax Appeals Workshop
- Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force Fire Hydrant Grant Program Notice

PAY ORDERS

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Accounts Payable Warrant # 38 in the amount of $6,897.08.The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Payroll Warrant No. 37 in the amount of $1,156.00. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA FOR APRIL 15, 2015

- Update on school inspection
- Town Meeting Treasurer/Tax Collector

The Board will email Bernardine with additions.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dot Maggio to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Stan Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Meckle