BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 15, 2015 - Final

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

Members Absent: Bernardine Hoard

Others Present: Mark Bills, Guy Tanza, Shannon Meckle

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dot Maggio, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

April 1, 2015: A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to approve the minutes of April 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Scheduled Members of the Public:

There were no scheduled members of the public present.

Unscheduled Members of the Public:

There were no unscheduled members of the public present.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on School Inspection: Stanley Noga went over the bidding process. He received two quotes, one written and one verbal. Gave his opinions of the bids. Compared the different types and qualities of reports. Questioned whether they wanted to review the bids, or wait for the third bid. Discussion. Will not include water test, nor will it evaluate capacity of well to sustain use. Dot mentioned that the school has been doing it during the last two years, and could be obtained by the school. Septic system will not be tested either. No radon tests. A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to hire Criterium Lalancette Engineers for the school inspection at a cost of $1,500.00. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously. Stanley will contact the company and will coordinate with them for scheduling. Bruce Mello noted he'd like to be involved.

Special Town Meeting/Tax Collector: Dot went over the draft language for the warning for a special town meeting. Requires a 30-day warning period. Will draft the warning and contact members for review and signature. Discussion of locations and date. Dot will contact the

moderator to make sure he's available. A motion was made by Stanley Noga to authorize a warrant to be issued for a special town meeting to be held on May 30. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously. Mike will check with NewBrook Fire Department to see if it's open for May 30.

Greer Road Hearing will be held Saturday, April 18, 2015. Dot brought June 3, 2014 site visit to the Board's attention in case they'd like to review them before the hearing.

Logging: Mike O'Donnell asked Mark Bills about the email regarding the completion of the logging on the trail. Mark noted that the contractor is waiting to access it to put in water bars after the mud is dried out. It will be inspected before the bond is returned.

Roads: Mark noted that the roads are holding up pretty well, in comparison with other towns and prior years in Brookline. Noted he'd put out three loads of material over the worse places and check them daily. He also reported that Putney Mountain Road still has a lot of ice and mud. It will be a few weeks before maintenance will begin. Attended Better Backroads grant workshop and he and Archie will be filling out the grant application.

LEOP: Mike has it drafted and will work with Bernardine to get it filled out on the computer.

Volunteers: Dot suggested inviting some of the new volunteers to meet them. A motion was made by Stanley Noga to invite new volunteers to a future meeting to meet the Board. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously. Stanley also mentioned that the Board has never had the Leland and Gray Board representative at a meeting. Dot will also

WSWMD: Stanley noted he emailed WSWMD to let them know that David Jones would be taking over and also emailed David Jones the information he'd obtained. David Jones had planned on attending the April 9 meeting and the transition seemed to be seem-less.

Veterans Exemption: Stanley went back and looked and it didn't give any guidance on what needs to be done next. Guy's understanding was that the Listers are responsible for the changes, however the Selectboard is ultimately responsible for the decision as the governing body. Discussion.

Animal Ordinances: Dot noted she's meeting with Windham County Humane Society next week and will be reviewing other towns' ordinances, as Brookline is having difficulty enforcing their current ordinance.

School Lease: Bruce asked Dot for an update on the lease issue. Dot went over the draft minutes of the last School Board meeting.

Brookline Fire: Dot wondered whether the town has recouped any of the money from the cost of the fire. Dot will follow up with Somara.

NEW BUSINESS

Solar and HVAC (School): way more involved than Bruce expected. Two proposals for the HVAC system. Solar. Went over the different Proposals that were submitted for HVAC system and solar panel system. Discussed difficulties the committee has encountered. Sometime before winter, HVAC system should be up and running. Budget discussed. Credit for municipal buildings? Discussion of shelf life of the panels.

Church: Last snowstorm it helped ice on roof to patch of slates came off. Kerry got someone to go up and put paper down to protect the roof. Went up and looked at it, decking had rotted. Nails were pulling out. Committee asked Kerry to contact several people to get cost estimates to repair the roof. Received a price of $1200 to $1500. Asked for authorization for up to $2500 for roof repair, to come out of the fund, raised by the Committee. A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to authorize up to $2500.00 expenditure for roof repair. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. Clarified that this would be considered an emergency repair. The motion carried unanimously.

FEMA – Flood Plain Administrator: Stanley reported that he's working on the information provided by Windham Regional Commission and that he has found some differences. Will be a request to the Selectboard to request permission to solicit changes to the flood maps. Other alternative would be landowners requesting a change to the maps. Discussion ensued. No cost to the towns. Individuals now applying for changes have to bear the cost for these amendments. Over the summer will probably come back to the Board; formal process to have FEMA come in and correct their maps.

Sample Rental Agreement: Dot handed out a sample rental agreement for the Board's review, for possible church use.

Legal Service Expenditures: Somara presented a report to the Board outlining the legal expenses spent. The Board reviewed.

Green Up Day: Dot asked whether the town was ready for Green Up Day. Guy noted that Lynn is heading it up this year, but it will be her last year.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- VLCT Delinquent Tax Collectors Workshop Notice
- Opinions Newsletter

- Letter from Kim Sankey resigning from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. The Board will send her a thank you letter. Dot will follow through on it with Bernardine.

PAY ORDERS

A motion was made by Dot Maggio to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 39 in the amount of $90,022.54. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made Stanley Noga to approve Payroll Warrant No. 40 in the amount of $1,432.94. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA FOR MAY 6, 2015

The following items were added to the agenda for May 6, 2015:

- Invite volunteers to introduce themselves
- Follow up on brush fire bills that went out
- Planning Commission vacancy
- Special Town Meeting
- Greer Road Follow up

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Meckle