

BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 20 2015 – FINAL

Members Present: Bernardine Hoard, Bruce Mello, Michael O'Donnell, Dorothy Maggio. Stanley Noga arrived at 7:04pm

Others Present: Guy Tanza

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bernardine Hoard.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 6th meeting were reviewed. Dot Maggio moved to approve the minutes as written. Bruce Mello seconded the motion. The minutes were approved at 7:03 with Mike O'Donnell abstaining because he was not at the May 6th meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Scheduled members of the public

Planning commission was not able to send a member to the meeting this evening.

Unscheduled members of the public:

None were in attendance

OLD BUSINESS:

The Special Town Meeting will be held at 10:00 am on May 30th at the Brookline school building in the multipurpose room. A reminder will be sent out on the list serve.

Longview Forest/Windmill Hill Trial: A discussion was held about returning the bond held while logging was being done. Email from the closest property owner was discussed. Mike O'Donnell said the sign was in a good spot. Parking is good. Brush will grow back over time. The area is in better condition now than it was before the logging began.

Bernardine Hoard made a motion to return the bond money. Stanley Noga seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Greer Road Bridge Repair: Bernardine Hoard completed the letter to the State of Vermont indicating the reclassification of Greer Road to Class 4. The letter was signed by the select board except for Stan Noga who had recused himself at the hearing.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to table the discussion about bridge repair work until the Road Commissioner and Foreman could attend a meeting. Dot Maggio seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Brookline School inspection: See Attached Summary Handout from Stan Noga. A discussion of the inspection occurred. The official report is due in June. It was noted that there is insect damage to the support timber at the main entrance and several safety issues present at this time. The efficiency of the furnace, inadequate insulation were also discussed. Guy Tanza will email the Selectboard information for a grant from Efficiency Vermont. Alternative heating options may be discussed in the future. Bruce Mello and Stan Noga were present while the engineers made their inspection.

Mike O'Donnell asked the Selectboard "What is the greatest asset to the Town – the Church or the School? It was decided to review some of these questions at the next meeting of the Selectboard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Animal Complaints: Three dog ordinance violations were noted during the month of May. Dot Maggio passed around copies of the violation letter she drew up. A few modifications to those letters were suggested. The letters will be amended as suggested and sent via certified mail on Thursday May 21.

Legal Posting Location: Gary Lavorgna reinstalled the third posting area near the base of Whitney Hill next to the mail box bank. Special thanks to Gary for his time and effort.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Guy Tanza brought to the boards attention a letter from Putney regarding Banning Road maintenance agreement dated May 5, 2015. Brookline and Putney exchange the maintenance of that road for a small amount of tax reimbursement. There is a letter on file. The 2015 tax bill on parcel 000006002 is \$1793/28. Stan Noga moved to continue with the agreement with Putney regarding the maintenance of Banning Road. Mike O'Donnell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

May 11, 2014 brush fire costs were fully reimbursed by the grant received and by Mr. Wu. Somara sent a thank you and Guy sent a Brookline calendar to them compliments of the Brookline Church Committee.

A Burlington VT conference entitled Downtown and Historic preservation Conference will be held on Friday June 5. Stan Noga offered to scan the invite and send an email out to the Historical Committee members.

Guy Tanza notified the Selectboard that the town now has the current bridge report. He would like everyone to review it.

Efficiency Vermont sent a letter to the town regarding LED lighting upgrades, HVAC, and building performance reviews. There is a number to call 855 317 2254

VLTC – Governmental Accounting and Auditing Symposium is on Tuesday June 16, 2015

VLTC – May 2015 newsletter has been received

State of VT Department of Taxation: a letter of agreement for computer assisted MARS appraisal (CAMA) Cost tables services will be billed for the sum of \$238.81

The Vermont Department of Health updated the Reportable and Communicable Diseases rule.

PAY ORDERS

Bernardine Hoard moved that Payroll Warrant #45 in the amount of \$1,317.73 be approved. Dot Maggio seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Bernardine Hoard moved that the Accounts Payable Warrant # 44 in the amount of \$201,986.25 be approved. Stan Noga seconded the motion. All were in favor.

AGENDA FOR JUNE 3, 2015

Bruce Mello would like to discuss a noise ordinance at the next meeting.

Dot Maggio would like to discuss animal issues at the next meeting.

Members will email Bernardine with additional items for the agenda.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to adjourn at 8:07 PM. The motion was seconded by Stan Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Dorothy Maggio