

BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 17, 2015 FINAL

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

Others Present: Mark Bills

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

June 3, 2015: A motion was made by Bruce Mello to approve the minutes of June 3. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. 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

School: Bruce Mello has an appointment with Windham Heat Initiative to come and look at the building. He noted he talked with Tina and cleared the visit with her. He noted his excitement regarding the Windham Heat Initiative.

He reported on research he'd done regarding the lease, noting that during their discussion, Tina stated she has a lease agreement expiring in June 2016. He referred to the September 2012 WCSU minutes discussing the lease.

Bruce noted that Tina expressed an interest in meeting with the Board to pursue a three year lease with the town, as her education commitments exceed a two to three year period.

Discussion ensued regarding purchase of the building, and the lease revisions being worked on by WCSU.

Guy will let the town attorney know that the Board will review the lease and vote on accepting it at the July 1 meeting.

Church/Wedding: Stanley reported that he met with the Division of Fire Safety. They indicated they would allow this one event to happen under three conditions: water being turned on to the bathrooms; current fire extinguisher being recharged and an additional one being added to the foyer or the sanctuary wall; and an assurance from a licensed engineer that the floor would hold the 60-70 people attending the event.

Stanley further reported that Brian Johnson agreed to accept Mr. Lewandowski's assurance that the flooring was adequate, as he was quite familiar with Mr. Lewandowski. Mr. Lewandowski stated that with cribbing under the common wall, it would be adequate, and that he would sign off with proof of installation of the cribbing.

He noted that the water would be fixed the next day, and the cribbing would be done over the weekend. He indicated that the renters would not be using the church for the dinner reception, but only the ceremony, and asked whether the Board would still require the portable toilets. The Board was inclined to not require it.

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to pay the \$150.00 to Mr. Lewandowski, to be taken out of the dedicated church fund. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously. Stanley noted that the Committee had raised approximately \$275 - \$300 during the Strolling of the Heifers. Mary Meyer donations. Thanks to Mary Meyer. Toys at cost. The motion carried unanimously. Guy noted that for a paper trail, an invoice should be submitted.

A motion was made Stanley Noga to eliminate the requirement for portable toilet for the event. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

Stanley reported that the \$43,000 grant the Committee applied for was not awarded. The organization awarding the grants has agreed to speak with Stanley. Stanley noted that in looking further into these grants, it appears as though the only place for these types of grants is through the State. Bruce Mello will continue to reach out to Lisa Ryan.

Round School House Shed: Stanley noted that the Parker family has offered to donate have a ridge cap left over from renovations, to be used for the shed at the round schoolhouse. Upon contacting the Historic Commissions, it was reported that the shed will be torn down. Discussion ensued regarding this information. Bernardine will contact Doug Wellman for further information.

Bruce reminded the Board about moving forward with obtaining the \$5,000 in historic preservation funds.

Noise Ordinance: Bruce noted an increased police presence in town recently.

Discussion ensued regarding contracting with Vermont State Police vs. Windham County Sheriff's Department. The Vermont State Police would like to know the amount of the contract. Mike O'Donnell asked for confirmation as to whether Vermont State Police presence would take away from the contract hours. It was clarified that response to criminal activity would not take from the contract hours, as those hours are for traffic patrol and enforcement.

Bruce Mello noted that the Sheriff's Department mentioned that the tickets written may not be enforceable because the signs are obstructed with vines. Mark Bills requested permission to rent a small chipper for brush cutting.

Bruce presented copies of a draft proposed Noise Ordinance. He noted the draft was based on input from the last meeting, Burlington, Vermont's ordinance, and VLCT's model minus provisions not applicable to Brookline.

Bruce asked Mike O'Donnell to read it out loud. Mike O'Donnell read the proposed draft out loud.

Bruce noted that it was an early draft and was not prepared to make a motion on it immediately. He went over the provisions he removed from the VLCT model.

Guy explained the difference between a policy and an ordinance, noting that implementation of an ordinance requires a town meeting. Mike O'Donnell suggested putting an article in the warning for town meeting. Stanley suggested keeping an eye on the situation and continuing discussion. A lengthy discussion ensued. Bruce will continue to work on this, either sending a survey to tax payers or working toward having something ready to present at Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Stanley Noga to enter a contract with the Vermont State Police at \$300.00 per month or \$3,600.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. Mike asked whether there had been an increase in the budget in anticipation for an increase. It was confirmed at \$3,600.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Roadside Mowing: Mark Bills reported to the Board that he had someone available to do the first pass of roadside mowing the second week of July. He stated that it would be one-10 hour day at \$60.00 per hour. It was noted that the regular roadside mowing would not be completed until the end of August or beginning of September. A motion was made by Stanley Noga to authorize the hiring of Adam Fletcher to do the first pass of roadside mowing for \$600.00. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

Ellen Ware Road Widening: Mark Bills stated that there is money in a dedicated fund for the widening of Ellen Ware Road. He noted that due to the narrow width of the road, snow from plowing falls back into the road, making winter maintenance difficult. He requested permission

to begin the process by cutting the remaining trees, utilizing the chipper mentioned earlier in the meeting. The money would come from the Ellen Ware Road fund. Mark also noted a stone wall that would either need to be eliminated or set back.

Discussion ensued regarding the town right-of-way and the budget.

Other Road Business: Mark reported that they are still waiting for the engineer's report on Wellman Bridge; also Mark and Archie are measuring sections of road needing to be paved.

Greer Road: Bernardine noted the Board had received a letter from Evan Chadwick. Bernardine read the letter to the Board, and noted that there was no appeal received, however the Rinks would like to know what will happen with the bridge as soon as possible. Bernardine asked whether Mark could have some plans to present at the July 1 meeting.

Mark noted he has been researching load ratings and felt 24,000 pounds would be a sufficient load rating. Discussion ensued regarding putting the current design out to bid. By the next meeting, Mark will have some weight load and structure ideas.

The Board discussed the timeframe for having the bridge completed, as well as the bidding policy.

FEMA: Stanley noted that he'd checked in with Windham Regional Commission and they are in compliance.

Hazard Mitigation: Stanley also noted that he'd talked with Windham Regional Commission about hazard mitigation. Brookline is in compliance and Windham Regional Commission will notify towns when the grant is awarded.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget: Bernardine noted Somara let her know that tax rate needs to be set for next meeting. Guy noted that consider the 8000 appropriated for cement slab. to be included in the tax rate.

Windham County Humane Society Contract: The Board reviewed the contract. A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to authorize Bernardine Hoard to sign the contract with the \$5.00 increase. The motion was seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignation: Doug Woods resigned as Lister, as he has moved out of town. Guy suggested sending a list serve email, and putting it on the website. The Board will revisit at the next meeting. Stanley volunteered to write a thank you letter to Doug for his service. Bernardine will forward his address to Stanley.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

- VTrans - 2016 Municipal Park & Ride Grant Program
- Rescue Inc. - Open House Invite
- Letter from Evan Chadwick, Esq. regarding follow-up to reclassification of Greer Road
- VLCT - Newsletter
- Animal Safety and Protection

PAY ORDERS

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Payroll Warrant No. 49 in the amount of \$1,608.52. The motion was seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bernardine Hoard to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 48 in the amount of \$13,809.93. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA FOR JULY 1, 2015

The following items were placed on the agenda for July 1, 2015:

- Tax Rate
- Greer Road
- School

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Meckle