

## **BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 3, 2015 - FINAL**

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

**Others Present:** Archie Clark, Tony Pelton, Mark Bills, Shannon Meckle

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **MINUTES**

**May 16, 2015:** The minutes of May 16, 2015 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to approve the minutes of May 16, 2015. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried with four in favor and Dot Maggio abstaining.

**May 20, 2015:** The minutes of May 20, 2015 were reviewed. Stan asked for clarification on the letter to the state regarding Greer Road. Dot made the correction that Somara sent the thank you letter and the Church Committee sent the calendar. Regarding the discussion of insect damage noted in school report, Stan Noga suggested adding that the damage was in the support timbers for the paved ramp to the main entry.

A motion was made by Dot Maggio to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Stan Noga. 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:**

A motion was made by Bruce Mello to amend the agenda to address the "Noise Ordinance" on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Stan Noga. The motion carried unanimously and the board moved to New Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Road Commissioner: Greer Road/Culverts:** Archie Clark talked to the Board about the emergency money for the Wellman Bridge. The engineer from the state sent a sketch of how the scour protection needed to be done. Todd Menees has determined that a permit would be

required and will be working on it soon. Discussion ensued regarding how the work would be done. The road will need to be closed for about a week. Archie has drafted an RFP for Marc Pickering's review and sent it to Bernardine and Mark Bills. The stream alteration permit will need to be granted first before sending out the RFP. Archie noted that the hydraulic study shows that the structure is 50% of the size it should be.

Archie also mentioned the small culvert repair required on Box Culvert No. 17. He noted it's a similar structure but stream alteration is easier. Todd Menees will allow removal of the gravel bar. Mark Bills suggested adding this smaller structure in with the Wellman Bridge project bid, but bid separately. This project could require the road to be closed for a few days. This project is a Town of Brookline repair and is not covered by a grant.

**Greer Bridge:** Archie asked if the road is now a Class 4. The Board noted that the landowners have the right to appeal within 30 days. Discussion ensued regarding the weight limit for the bridge and granting overweight permits for the bridge.

The Board suggested allowing for appeal period to end, and in the meantime, research beams.

Bernardine made a motion to table further discussion until the first meeting in July. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. The motion carried unanimously.

**Paving:** Mark and Archie talked about the possibility of doing some paving on Hill Road, where it's crumbling. Mark stated he'd like to get going on Putney Mountain Road and hit the worst spots, and noted he needs three more culverts and another section of black top needs to be ripped up. The Board discussed the prices of the needed culverts.

**School Inspection:** Bruce asked for clarification about an email regarding a grant for pellet stoves and wood chip systems.

Discussion ensued regarding the 80-page inspection report. Stan Noga noted that the Board had a specified time in which any questions or concerns; or any changes could be submitted.

Stanley reviewed the highlights of the report for the Board and noted that costs in the first five years, the building would cost the town approximately \$90,000 in the first eight years. The Board reviewed immediate expenses. The furnace would be an immediately costly item.

Discussion ensued regarding Mike's earlier question of whether it's more cost effective to spend money on the church or the school building.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to purchase the building for \$1.00. The motion was seconded by Bernardine Hoard. Discussion: Stan noted that he would be inclined to sell it off right away or not purchase it at all, noting that maintenance of the building was a concern. He was not in favor of owning for any length of time. Discussion ensued.



The motion carried with four in favor and Dot Maggio abstained.

**Animal Issues:** Dot presented a draft letter to the Board regarding unlicensed animals, and a list of dogs that she had and will compare to Guy's list. She also presented a vicious dog complaint form to be uploaded on the website, noting that written complaints need to be received in order to be able to follow through. Dottie reported that Nancy is on vacation for the month of June, and Dot is filling in, however, Dot will be away from June 16 – 25. Guy noted that the Selectboard as a whole is responsible but someone should be the contact. Mike O'Donnell agreed to be the contact.

Guy Tanza submitted the list of unlicensed dogs for the Selectboard. Dot will work with Guy to get the letters out.

**Open Meeting Law Workshop:** Shannon will schedule and get back to Brookline at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Church Use:** A request was received to use the church for a wedding. It was Bernardine's opinion that the building wasn't ready for use. Dot Maggio thought would be nice for the vows, but wouldn't use it for any prolonged time and recommended utilizing portable toilets. Bernardine asked whether the mold issues could be cleaned up before the event.

Stanley Noga noted that the meal is to be catered and there may be use of the kitchen. There would be no DJ or dancing, and no outside tent. They want to utilize the church for the ceremony and dinner only.

Mike asked whether a Fire Safety Inspection had been done. He noted that they would need to grant occupancy first.

Bruce noted that the Committee met and it was unanimous amongst the committee to endorse the rental at no charge, but to leave it as a donation and ask for a \$300.00 deposit pending inspection to be returned upon satisfactory inspection.

Stan Noga spoke about a Model facilities ordinance that eventually should be adopted. Discussion ensued.

Dot asked about parking. The Committee can contact Scotty to use the school building for parking.

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to allow the wedding to happen under the condition that Labor and Industry Fire Safety Division comes and grants occupancy. The motion was

seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously. The condition of renting a porta potty will be written into the agreement.

Guy noted that the Town Clerk's Office will be closed next week Monday through Thursday. He will be open Friday and Saturday.

**Noise Ordinance:** The board asked Archie Clark for a history regarding any ideas of a noise ordinance. Archie gave an overview of past discussions of a possible noise ordinance.

Tony Pelton, presented information regarding an on-going noise problem in the area, primarily involving shooting, and asked the Board if there was anything they could do to help.

Discussion ensued.

Bruce Mello presented a proposed set of ideas for a noise ordinance. The Board discussed the proposal.

Dot Maggio recommended checking with Vermont League of Cities and Towns and noted that they have several samples on their website, but noted that enforcement is the most difficult part.

Guy noted that any civil fine over \$500 needs to go through a court; and also recommended that the town check with Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

Stanley suggested sending each party a letter inviting them to a future meeting to discuss the issue, as a first step. Bruce will share the names of the parties involved.

Archie Clark suggested involving the Planning Commission in the discussion, for when they update the Town Plan.

Mike O'Donnell presented a letter from a concerned citizen, who wished to remain anonymous, requesting that the issue be brought up at Town Meeting.

Bruce will go to the Planning Commission meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June to discuss the issue with them and will research town ordinances and speak to VLCT.

**Law H.361** – Discussion ensued regarding a new law that passed regarding the grant for the school addition (\$137,000). The exemption will be repealed on July 2017, however with the new law, the debt can be erased in entirety or a portion thereof. The application to have it eliminated needs to be submitted to the Director of Education before December 2015. Discussion ensued regarding the lease.



## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was received:

- Windham County Sheriff's Department Contract Renewal – The Board was not inclined to sign a new contract. A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to not renew the Sheriff's contract. The motion was seconded by Bruce Mello. The motion carried unanimously.
- Vermont Local Roads – Training Notice

## **PAY ORDERS**

A motion was made by Mike O'Donnell to approve Payroll Warrant No. 47 in the amount of \$4,236.38. The motion was seconded by Stanley Noga. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Stanley Noga to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 46 in the amount of \$7,421.58. The motion was seconded by Mike O'Donnell. The motion carried unanimously.

## **AGENDA FOR JUNE 17, 2015**

Members will email Bernardine with additional items for the agenda.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Stanley Noga to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dot Maggio. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Meckle