

TOWN OF BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING
November 20, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Approved Minutes

Actions:

- Voted to approve the minutes for November 7, 2018, as amended.
- Voted to table full budget discussion until December 5, 2018 meeting.
- Approved Pay Orders.

Present:

Board: Dorothy Maggio (Chair), Gwen Tanza, Bruce Mello, Chris Webb, David Jones

Members of the Public: Guy Tanza (Videographer), Gary Lavorgna, Jordan Wheeler, Sam Bourne, Cory Nystrom

Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

Review changes to agenda if any

Ms. Maggio suggests the Board hold on item 3A until Mr. Bourne arrives.

Scheduled members of the Public

Sam Bourne.

Unscheduled members of the Public

Gary Lavorgna, Jordan Wheeler, Cory Nystrom

Sam Bourne re: wear & tear on roads due to logging

Mr. Bourne accepted the Board's invitation to join the meeting to discuss concerns that have been raised by residents about the logging operation at the top of Whitney Hill Road. Mr. Bourne explained that Longview Forest Management and Advanced Harvesting have been hired by the landowner to work on the project. The logging is part of a forest management plan on the parcel, which is over 500 acres. He added that the parcel has not been logged in many years, which has contributed to the duration of the project. There was discussion about the specific concerns that have been raised as well as general concerns the Board has been discussing while considering implementation of a logging policy or ordinance. The Board thanked Mr. Bourne for his time and attention to the matter.

Approve minutes from the last meeting held on November 7, 2018

Minor corrections were made. Mr. Webb moved to approve the minutes for November 7, 2018, as amended.

Second by Mr. Mello. **All in Favor.**

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2019-2020 Budget Discussion

Mr. Lavorgna passed along the news that the NewBrook Fire Department will again request level funding for the fiscal year. There was brief discussion of the appropriations requests, and it was determined that not all requests have been received. Mr. Webb moved to table discussion of the budget until the December 5 meeting. Second by Mr. Mello. During discussion it was noted that Ms. Zwick needs to be present for the discussion, even if that means moving the meeting date/time to accommodate her schedule. **All in Favor.**

Guy Tanza – Town Clerk Update

Mr. Tanza has had preliminary discussions with the Vermont Treasurer's office and People's Bank about potential sources for funding the purchase of road equipment. 126 dogs are registered. Ms. Tanza is up to book 23 (working backwards) in the records digitizing project.

Guy Tanza – Road Commissioner Update

Mr. Tanza explained that with the sudden shift in weather conditions, the road crack sealing project is unlikely to happen until the Spring. Mr. Bills has been in touch with Lafayette Guardrail about an estimate for the new box culvert section of Grassy Brook. The small paving job on Hill Road was completed by Springfield Paving, at a cost of \$300.

Old Business

Bruce Mello – Sunny Lane Daycare Building update

Mr. Mello noted that the backsplashes are all finished, as are the decks. He discussed some upcoming projects, including fixing several interior doors. The UV system has had more issues related to the system being dirty and needing to be cleaned. He is working on developing a maintenance plan for the system. Septic drainage problems persist, and after a visit from Vermont Sewer and Drain it appears to be related to a sag in the cast iron drain line. Mr. Mello and Mr. Bovat will investigate and discuss potential remedies for this after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Town Report update

There was discussion about what is legally required to be in the Town Report compared with what has historically been included. There was a general consensus that only the required content and the information that residents find most useful should be included moving forward. Mr. Webb will follow-up with several of the committees to alert them that their reports will no longer be required.

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Communications Review

Emails

- Cabot Logging Ordinance
- Barbara Bourne request to borrow chairs from Meetinghouse

Regular Mail

- Agency of Natural Resources – water supply at SLDC
- Project Feed – donation request
- Vermont Rural Fire Protection – grants for fire ponds
- VLCT Newsletter

Pay Orders

Accounts Payable

Ms. Maggio moved to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #2019-20 in the amount of \$102,993.88. Second by Mr. Webb. **All in Favor.**

Payroll

Ms. Maggio moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2019-20 in the amount of \$1,866.45. Second by Mr. Webb. **All in Favor.**

Set agenda for the next meeting: December 5, 2018

- Budget Review

Adjournment

Mr. Mello moved to Adjourn. Second by Mr. Webb. **All in Favor.**
The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Jones, Recorder, November 21, 2018.