

Brookline Selectboard Minutes  
December 1, 2010

1. Chairman Doug Wellman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were board members Mike Fontaine and Kim Rink. Auditor Archie Clark and Road Foreman Mark Bills were also in attendance. Also present were members of the public Gary and Julie Lavorgna.

2. The minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> were reviewed. Mike motioned they be approved as written. Seconded, all voted in favor.

**3. Members of the Public:**

a. Gary Lavorgna had several issues he wanted to bring to the Selectboards attention 1) It appears to him that someone may again be living at 1343 Grassy Brook Road. Since there were several health related issues the last time this property was used as a residence he asked that the board investigate (Doug will look into this). 2) There is a large amount of trash beside the road near 1077 Grassy Brook Road. Doug was aware of a dispute between the owner and tenant(s) at this location and will try to determine if the situation requires selectboard intervention. 3) Concerns with condition of Grassy Brook Road by the first bridge. 4) Status of website updates

b. Archie Clark briefed the board on his attendance at an Auditors Workshop and provided handouts to board members. He also inquired on the status of the audit, linking payorders to budget item numbers, and that the board consider getting assistance for the treasurer in reconciling bank statements.

**4. Old Business:**

a. Doug updated the board on the status of the Town Plan. He had talked to WRC and they have not appointed a panel to review it. They plan to do so at their January meeting.

b. The bonds have been sold and repayment schedule received. Our first payment will now be interest only in June 2011.

**5. Road Report:**

a. The road crew has cleaned many of the ditches (especially Putney Mountain) and done some spot grading.

b. Mike met with representatives of Vtrans to discuss the Putney Mountain Bridge project and grant requests. They recommended the plans be amended to increase concrete thickness above the girders. The request has been forwarded to the engineer. The grant request for the Hill Road culvert still cannot be located, we may have to complete another.

d. Jim Rogers has several road signs he removed on jobs he was working on. Many are in good condition and he offered them to the town free of charge. Mark will check the signs and get any we may need. Thank you Jim.

**6. New Business:**

a. Doug asked the board to consider a pay raise for town employees. After some discussion Mike motioned that the rate for all hourly employees be raised by \$.50 effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. Seconded, all voted in favor.

b. Spending for the current fiscal year was reviewed.

c. The Board worked on the fiscal year 2012 budget.

**7. Other Business:**

a. The board received a request to sell one of the parts off the old grader at the town garage. The board indicated it would review an offer if made.

**8. Correspondence:** Correspondence was reviewed.

**9. Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed. Accounts payable warrant #10, \$171,021.03, and payroll warrant #10, \$557.99. Mike motioned they be approved. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM. The next meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted  
Douglas Wellman  
Chair