

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)
February 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Joyce Meehl. Present were Joyce Meehl, Archie Clark, Mike Fontaine, David Ryder and Mike Winot. Also present were Kim Rink, Kim Sankey, Barb and Kerry Bourne. Penny Harrington and Cynthia Nau both called and said they couldn't make it due to the storm.

The minutes of the Feb. 4 meeting were approved with one typo correction. It was decided to change the agenda to the Noise Ordinance first to allow those present to speak.

The board had received the reply from Jim Barlow of the VLCT on the draft Noise Ordinance. In his opinion the Ordinance would be unenforceable as written. After some discussion, Archie made a motion to send the draft Ordinance back to the PC for needed changes. Seconded. Mike Fontaine No, Mike Winot No, David Ryder Yes, Archie Clark Yes and Joyce Meehl Yes. The motion is approved. Kim Sankey will let the PC Chair Cynthia Nau know the decision. The next PC meeting will be March 17, 2009.

Archie reported on the Candidate's Forum held Feb. 07. It was attended by 14 residents with some good interest in the available Town positions.

Unfortunately no one attended that had interest in the School Board or Leland and Gray Board.

Archie reported on the Local Day in the Legislature he had attended Feb. 18. He had the opportunity to speak to proposed H73 Bill that was in the Ways and Means Committee. This bill would freeze the CLA for a Town that had contracted to be reappraised. Selectboard started this request two years earlier as Brookline was waiting for reappraisal. Also, he attended hearings on the FY 2010 budget and the Federal stimulus money.

WSWMD update: Archie attended a board meeting in Brattleboro and reported that no decision was made on the surcharge or ordinance needed to impose the surcharge. He was given information that if the surcharge /ordinance vote fails and the expenses in their FY 2010 budget don't change Brookline would need about \$3,200 more than the FY'09 budget. The next meeting will be Feb. 19.

Southern Loop: Joyce reported that the Public Service Board has granted the Certificate of Public Good needed by Velco for the power line project to proceed. Joyce has talked to Cynthia as Town Representative on the project to make sure all the concerns of Brookline residents that had been heard over many meetings were going to be addressed by Velco.

Road report: Mark went out last week with the grader on Athens Road to grade some muddy areas. He will be moving snow at the School and recycling bins. Archie had some sketches and estimates for the culvert replacements on Ellen Ware Road to possibly get

some stimulus money. David will call John Alexander (from AOT) to find out what is required.

Town Meeting set-up: Archie to contact the School and let all know through an FYI. The Historical Committee will be providing the food.

A letter was received from Beth Ann Agostini an Attorney for a Brookline resident concerning a Health Issue in Brookline.

The board went into executive section at 8:29 to discuss a situation of pending litigation. Out of executive at 8:52 Archie will look into a Health Issue at a Grassy Brook Road residence, and report back next meeting.

A letter of resignation was received from Archie Clark as Town Representative to Rescue Inc. Effective March 3.

Grant applications and certificate of highway mileage were receive and given to the Road Commissioners.

Mike Winot brought up an issue of Procedure. Archie will look into this further and report back if any action needs to take place.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29.

The next meeting will be March 4, for reorganization.

Respectively Submitted
Archie Clark