

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)

April 1, 2009

1. Chairman Archie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were board members David Ryder, Mike Winot, and Alicia Dest. Also present were members of the public Mike Fontaine, Kim Rink, Gary and Julie Lavorgna, Shawn Nordlund and Mark Bills (8:00).

2. The minutes of the March 18th were reviewed. In road report item e, Archie noted in reviewing Roberts rules of orders that an executive session was not necessary and that the meeting at 8:00 PM should remain open. The minutes were then approved.

3. Members of the Public:

a). Shawn spoke in interest of the cemetery fencing on that the idea of granite posts with a chain might be suitable, and less expensive. Archie spoke that the Cemetery Commissioners would be the group to direct this communication to and that Penny is in the works of setting up a meeting with them.

4. Unfinished business:

a). Archie spoke that the positions for Health Officer and Rescue Inc. have not been filled yet.

b). The Planning Commissions terms expire on the following years ; 2010-Charlie, 2011-Barbara, 2013-Cynthia, 2014- Kim Rink.

5. Road Report:

a). Mud Season: David reported that Grassy Brook Rd. still needed some work. Gravel was brought in for some bad areas on Grassy Brook and Whitney Hill Rd.

b). The bridge near Grassy Brook and Putney Mt. Rd. Intersection need some work done. The surface is bad and beams need to be repainted.

c). Paving grants is out for the next two years

d). Archie would like a plan going before summer for road work and budget. **Warning:** The Selectboard will meet on April 15th at 6pm. to plan for road work in the coming year.

e). Bid process for future work; Archie would like to clarify and develop a policy to put work out to bid.

6. New Business:

- a) There will be an abatement meeting on Monday, April 6th, at 6:30 PM., concerning the fire that destroyed a home on Merrill Drive.
- b). In the Windham Solid Waste budget review, there is a 3,000 dollar increase in the assessment to WSWMD. They are holding their budget information meeting on April 6th at 6:30 pm. Archie motioned for Bruce C. (Brookline's town rep) to vote in favor for FY2010 budget. David seconded. All in favor.
- c). Doug went to the teleconference meeting held in Brattleboro in March. He reported that any stimulus monies are only available for "shovel ready projects". But there may be money for energy efficiency projects. Archie replied that the Brookline School might be able to look into this area if interested.

7. Other Business:

- a) Mike Brought up questions from some town residents on why David (road commissioner) was operating the grader, rather than Mark.. Mike could not answer. Dave replied that he was filling in for Mark, because he was not available at the time.
- b) **8pm.** Mark Bills (road foreman) arrived to discuss with the board on the letter regarding Mark's pay raise. Archie went over the minutes from the meetings past with Mark. There was discussion on time frames when Marks review was to have taken place and when his raise began. Alicia motioned to reimburse Mark from Dec. 3rd 2008 to Jan. 21st 2009 the difference of \$169 dollars due to the fact that his probationary period expired Dec. 1st 2008 and that his pay raise should have taken place from that date. Motion seconded by Mike. All in favor.

8. Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed. Alicia will look further into VLCT's identity theft policy.

The Rescue Inc. report came in.

VLCT bill is \$945, up from \$876

Safety training for municipal workers from VOSHA and VLCT up north. Mark cannot attend

Registration conformation for the annual town officer's education conference. Alicia will be attending.

9. Pay Orders:

Pay orders were reviewed and approved. Accounts payable warrant #15, \$12,311.65

No Payroll

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The next meeting will be April 15th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Alicia Dest