

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)  
April 15, 2009

1. Chairman Archie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were board members David Ryder, Mike Winot, Alicia Dest, and Doug Wellman. Members of the public attending were Barbara Bourne, Kim Rink, Sonny Rink, and Mark Bills.

2. The minutes of the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**3. Members of the Public:**

a. Sonny Rink presented a letter from Donna Rink to the board. The letter concerned an individual requesting a burn permit from other than the Town Fire Warden. After a brief discussion it was determined that Sonny is the only one that can issue permits. This information was published in the *Brattleboro Reformer*.

b. Barbara Bourne voiced her concerns about the board's decision (March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting) on the proposed noise ordinance. She stated that the Planning Commission had worked over two years on this issue and she felt the ordinance should be a priority based on the town survey. Barbara stated her opinion the Planning Commission had made progress on this issue and should continue. She stated the commission could work on both the noise ordinance and town plan simultaneously. After some additional discussion the board decided to stand by the previous decision, and that Archie would attend the next Planning Commission meeting.

4. **Old Business:** Alicia briefed the board on the Windham County Solid Waste Management District (WCSWMD) budget meeting. The town's assessment will be about \$3,300 more than appropriated at town meeting. There was some discussion on when this additional money will be due and how we will fund it.

**5. Road Report:**

a. Marked briefed on the current status of the roadwork. Most of the mud has subsided. All the traveled roads have been graded and that additional work will be done. All the previous stone was used and most of the additional stone has been used or will be in the near future.

b. Dave and Mark will work on the seasonal sections of Ellen Ware and Putney Mountain Roads next week. They will then take a look at any tree hazards, correct what they can and contact the power company if their assistance is required.

c. Mark stated that many culverts need to be cleaned out. Some are full or nearly full and need to be cleared. Dave will check on the cost of renting a backhoe.

d. The ditch on Grassy Brook Road near Laurie Martucci's has hollowed out under a large oak tree that needs to be looked at as a possible safety issue.

e. Mark requested we prioritize highway projects and consider doing some projects in-house instead of putting some projects out to bid. Archie stated that this is very appropriate considering money remaining this fiscal year.

f. To complete the grant request for the Grassy Brook Road bridge near Putney Mountain Road we need to strip off the surface. We need to get a better picture of the actual condition of the bridge to get good estimates. Doug motioned the surface be stripped. Archie recommend an amount of \$500. Seconded, all voted in favor.

g. Archie stated that all road signs be marked as town property. Now if law enforcement recovers stolen signs they have no method of determining who to return them to. Archie volunteered to make a stencil for use.

h. Archie talked about the 6:00 highway planning and goals meeting. Dave will draft bid requests for culverts and ditches. Archie will look into grants for the Ellen Ware Road.

6. **New Business:** No new business was introduced.

7. **Other Business:**

a. Alicia stated we need an anti-identity theft policy to protect personal information used by the town. This requirement was federally mandated and needs to be implemented by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) has a template we can work from and will provide additional guidance.

b. The current year budget status was reviewed. It is unclear at this time how much the fourth quarter highway funding from the state may be cut.

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

9. **Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed and approved. Accounts payable warrant #16, \$7,097.92; and payroll warrants #18, \$1,133.75; and #19, \$1460.00.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM. The next meeting will be May 6, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted  
Douglas Wellman  
Clerk of the Board

