

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)
September 2, 2009

1. Chairman Archie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were board members David Ryder, Alicia Dest, and Doug Wellman. Road Foreman Mark Bills was also in attendance. Also present was Greg Parmerlow from Global Environmental Solutions.

2. The minutes of the August 19th meeting were reviewed. Alicia motioned they be approved as written. Seconded, all voted in favor.

3. **Members of the Public:** Mr. Parmerlow addressed the board about his company's plans to move poles into town for the Southern Vermont Loop project. The poles will be up to 115 feet long and 80,000 pounds and the equipment loads up to 108,000 pounds. There will be approximately six loads of poles. Oversize loads will have police escorts. Due to state requirements the equipment cannot cross Bridge 19 (West River green bridge) or Bridge 12 (Grassy Brook Road by Putney Mountain Road). He asked to board to approve an overweight permit for this project. Doug motioned we approve an overweight permit for Global Environmental Solutions for up to 108,000 pounds. Seconded, all voted in favor.

4. **Old Business:**

a. Archie updated the board on the status of the agreement between the Town and the landowner concerning the culvert at 1354 Grassy Brook Road. He has been in contact with the town attorney and provided a draft of an agreement with Mr. Fabrizio for the boards review. After some discussion, changes to the agreement were recommended and it will be returned to the attorney for her review.

b. The Agency of Natural of Natural Resources still has \$2,900 available for erosion control or fish passage projects in Brookline. If we do not use these funds they will be lost. Alicia has been playing telephone tag with the state contact and will continue to work on this.

5. **Road Report:**

a. The bid opening for winter maintenance will be delayed until next meeting because the advertisement has not yet been run in the Brattleboro Reformer.

b. The rental backhoe will be picked up tomorrow. Mark scheduled the pick-up and had questions concerning the town's insurance. During the meeting Dave called the Town Clerk and determined that insurance for the backhoe was temporarily added to the town policy. After picking up the equipment Mark will work on the cave in near a culvert on Grassy Brook Road then proceed to cleaning the ditches on Putney Mountain Road.

c. Open working orders scheduled include culvert cleaning on Putney Mountain Road, tree trimming, gravel and road grading. The hole on Hill Road continues to slowly cave in and needs to be looked at again. Roadside mowing will also begin next week.

d. The board received one additional estimate on the engineering work on Bridge 12. After review, Dave motioned we accept the bid from Bell Engineering (\$6,720). Seconded, all voted in favor. Dave will insure this information is used to complete the structures grant application.

6. **New Business:** There was no new business.

7. **Other Business:**

a. There are still several dogs still requiring registration. None of the six owners responded to the letter sent in June. Archie will draft another letter and if the dogs are still not registered the matter will be referred to the town attorney.

b. The Treasurer provided last years budget/actual spending numbers and the current year budget (both broken down by category) for use in developing the fiscal year 2011 budget. Discussion was tabled until a future meeting to allow board members a chance to review this information.

c. An estimate was received from Bob Litchfield to install the flooring in the older section of the town office (\$1,050). Doug motioned motioned the town appropriate \$4,000 for labor and material to complete the flooring. Seconded, all voted in favor. Doug will order the flooring from WW Building Supply.

d. Archie has been in contact with Representative Obuchowski concerning his offer to attend one of our meetings. Both he and Representative Partridge would like to attend the October 21st meeting. They requested that we prepare some questions in advance so they can better address our concerns. At our next meeting we will discuss what we would like them to address and prepare some questions for Archie to forward to them.

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

9. **Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed. Accounts payable warrant #5, \$8,592.17 and payroll warrant #5, \$472.91. Doug motioned they be approved. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM. The next meeting will be September 16th at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted
Douglas Wellman
Clerk of the Board