

Brookline Selectboard Minutes
November 4, 2009

1. Vice Chairman Doug Wellman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were board members David Ryder, Mike Winot, and Alicia Dest. Road Foreman Mark Bills was in attendance. Also present was member of the public Doug Woods.

2. The minutes of the October 21st meeting and October 28th and 29th special meetings were reviewed. Alicia motioned they be approved with minor changes to the meeting of the 29th. Seconded, all voted in favor.

3. **Members of the Public:** Doug Woods asked about the current status of the COMCAST cable installation. Doug and Dave both told him what they knew about the current status (preparation work by CVPS and Fairpoint is in progress) and that a COMCAST representative will be at the December 2nd Selectboard Meeting.

4. **Old Business:**

a. Dave talked to Marie Caduto (from the Vermont Agency of Natural of Natural Resources (ANR)) about the \$2,900 for erosion control or fish passage projects. She said that information on the culvert replacement on Hill Road had been sent to the Town. The information could not be located in the correspondence file. Dave will follow-up and request an additional copy.

b. The warning for the ancient roads public hearing on December 2nd at 6:00 PM has been sent/posted. There was a brief discussion on the discontinuance process again and what information would be provided to the public. Alicia asked about visual aids. The bridge and culvert map on the wall in the conference room shows all active class two, three, and four roads as well as our one officially designated trail.

c. The Board discussed the issue of sand access safety at the town garage. Dave and Mark looked at the location of the cable and recommended the cable remain in its current location.

5. **Road Report:**

a. Open working orders scheduled include a graveling a few spots on the roads to cover large stone and some minor tree trimming. Mark did some additional ditching on Hill and Grassy Brook Roads.

b. The Town still has not received a bill for gravel from Fitzpatrick's. Until we receive the bill the amount of money remaining for highway maintenance cannot be adequately determined. If funds are available a few more loads will be purchased for touch-up and mud season. There was discussion on a closing date for Putney Mountain Road. Mike said that in the past the general rule was that it should remain open until snow was imminent.

c. The final engineering proposal for the Grassy Brook Road Bridge still has not been received. Dave will follow-up with Ron Bell (the engineer). The grant request has been forwarded to the state.

6. **New Business:** COMCAST status was discussed during the members of the public segment.

7. **Other Business:**

a. The town office flooring project is on hold until the contractor finishes up some outside projects.

b. The FY 2011 was discussed at some length. Budget inputs from the auditors and listers have not been received. In addition to the normal highway maintenance required, the large culverts on Hill Road and Grassy Brook Road (near Sue Clark's) need to be replaced. Doug recommended that normal culvert replacement be increased to eight (from six this year). In general the board members thought the ability to request additional highway funding may be limited by the large amount of money required for the Grassy Brook Road Bridge.

c. The meeting with auditors on October 29th was discussed.

d. The first annual Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) State of the Municipalities survey was reviewed. Doug will meet with the treasurer to get additional budget information to complete the survey.

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

9. **Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed. Accounts payable warrant #9, \$3,831.78 and payroll warrant #9, \$400.81. Mike motioned they be approved. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be November 18th at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted
Douglas Wellman
Clerk of the Board