

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)  
November 18, 2009

1. Chairman Archie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present were board members David Ryder, Mike Winot, Alicia Dest, and Doug Wellman. Town Clerk Penny Harrington, Road Foreman Mark Bills, and Vermont State Police Advisory Board Representative Diana Bander were also in attendance.

2. The minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Mike motioned they be approved with minor changes. Seconded, all voted in favor.

3. **Members of the Public:** Diana Bander briefed the Board on the Vermont State Police Advisory Board Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. There were four major topics of discussion at the meeting. First the state police will start collecting data on all motor vehicle stops to ensure bias free policing. This is a new statewide initiative. The second item concerned registration, community notification, and community forums on sex offenders. Only "high risk" offenders are listed in the on-line registry. There are several shortfalls in this on-line registry including no standard definition of "high risk" and inconsistent registration of offenders that move in from out-of-state. The legislature will look into these issues. Several communities have banded together to create community forums. The active one in this area was organized in Jamaica and includes several surrounding towns. Diana will look into having Brookline join this existing forum. Next they discussed the recent rash of thefts in the area. Some theft rings have been broken up but the State Police asked residents to be vigilant and report potential criminal activity. And finally the State Police asked for feedback on their contract service to the town. Archie will send them an e-mail.

4. **Old Business:**

a. Information from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) on the Hill Road culvert replacement has been received. Dave will talk to Marie Caduto (from the ANR) and confirm this is the correct location so that the \$2,900 can be transferred. The ANR can then work on project design.

b. The upcoming hearing on ancient roads was discussed. The Vermont Department of Parks and Recreation sent the Town a letter to be entered into the record of the public hearing. It stated they would not contest discontinuance.

5. **Road Report:**

a. There are no open working orders.

b. Current highway finances were reviewed. Since the town still has not received a bill for gravel and the grant reimbursements are not shown in the status report, the board was unable to adequately determine the amount remaining for current year maintenance.

c. Archie stated that Townshend and Wardsboro have been using community service workers to do some roadwork (such as brush cutting and sweeping intersections). They come with supervision and insurance. He suggested that the town consider requesting this type of labor next year.

d. Mark has completed the culvert inventory. Archie will work with him to update the maps.

e. The final engineering proposal for the Grassy Brook Road Bridge still has not been received. Dave had talked to Ron Bell (the engineer) and the proposal should be delivered this week.

6. **New Business:** Doug will contact COMCAST to verify their representative will be at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectboard Meeting.

7. **Other Business:**

a. There is no change in status for the town office flooring project.

b. The fiscal year 2011 budget was discussed briefly. The board scheduled a special meeting for December 9<sup>th</sup> to work on the budget and decide on the discontinuance of ancient roads.

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

9. **Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed. Accounts payable warrant #10, \$5,187.90 and payroll warrant #10, \$470.69. Mike motioned they be approved. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next meeting will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted  
Douglas Wellman  
Clerk of the Board