

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)
December 16, 2009

1. Chairman Archie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were board members David Ryder, Mike Winot, Alicia Dest, and Doug Wellman. Also present was Town Clerk and Treasurer Penny Harrington.
2. The minutes of the December 2nd Ancient Roads Public Hearing were reviewed. Doug motioned they be approved as written. Seconded, all voted in favor. The minutes of the December 2nd Selectboard meeting were reviewed. Doug motioned they be approved with a minor spelling change. Seconded, all voted in favor. The minutes of the December 9th Special Selectboard Meeting were reviewed. Doug motioned they be approved as written. Seconded, all voted in favor.
3. **Members of the Public:** No members of the public were in attendance.
4. **Old Business:** There was no unfinished business to discuss.
5. **Road Report:**
 - a. There are no open working orders. Putney Mountain and Ellen Ware Roads have been closed for the season.
 - b. A copy of the engineering proposal for the Grassy Brook Road Bridge has been forwarded to Renaud Brothers for an estimate.
 - c. Dave has talked to the Agency of Natural of Natural Resources on the Hill Road culvert replacement. They are aware of the timeline for our budget development and will try to get us sizing information on the culvert quickly.
 - d. During the last snowstorm the band rail near Papoose Lane was damaged in a car accident. Dave will get an estimate to bill the insurance company.
6. **New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.
7. **Other Business:**
 - a. With the Town Clerk/Treasurers assistance the Board worked on the fiscal year 2011 budget. The majority of the budget was completed. However, several outside agency requests still have not been received, and sizing of the Hill Road culvert is needed to complete the highway section. In addition to the normal budget the possibility of a bond to fund repairs on the Grassy Brook Road Bridge was discussed. Penny will research procedures further, especially the possible requirement for an audit.
 - b. Special articles for inclusion in the Town Meeting Warning were discussed. Of the articles rejected, or reduced, at last year's town meeting the cemetery fence and Ellen Ware Road

improvements will not be repeated this year. A request will be made for additional monies for the highway equipment fund. Archie will check on the status of the financial consultants progress on preparing the books for an audit to see if we should request funding for a professional audit.

c. Alicia asked if other members had read the most recent Vermont League of Cities and Towns *Weekly Legislative Report*. The report outlines a continuing bleak financial outlook for the State and the potential of further shifting of financial responsibilities onto the towns. She suggested we consider a letter (from the Board to our Representatives) stating our concern with the impact of state financial decisions on the town.

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

9. **Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed. Accounts payable warrant #12, \$4,604.02 and payroll warrant #12, \$423.80. Doug motioned they be approved. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM. The next meeting will be January 6th at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted
Douglas Wellman
Clerk of the Board