

Brookline Selectboard Minutes
February 3, 2010

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. Also present were members of the public Cynthia Nau, Sonny Rink, Kim Rink, Marsha Omand, and Mike Fontaine. Doug motioned the meeting be suspended to count the Leland and Gray budget vote ballots. Seconded, all voted in favor. The meeting was suspended at 7:01 and resumed at 7:06

2. The minutes of the January 20th meeting were reviewed. Doug motioned they be approved as written. Seconded, all voted in favor.

3. Members of the Public:

a. Kim Rink asked about the chain at the town garage being left unlocked. Archie said that it had been left open for a few days and that he would check to make sure it was locked after he was done in the future.

4. Old Business:

a. The warning for the Town Meeting has been signed by all Board Members and posted. The *Town Report* is not yet completed. The auditors and clerk are aware of the required mailing date and will try to meet it.

b. Archie talked to the town attorney to draft the letter to Mike Winot voted at the last meeting. Doug motioned that the Board validate the decision to hire the attorney to draft the letter concerning the dog complaint discussed at the last meeting. Mike recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Seconded, all voted in favor.

c. Since the Board was on the subject of dog ordinance enforcement, Mike presented the Board with a letter of counter-complaint against Tom Staats and Liz O'Neil for the noise their dogs are making. Mike remained recused from voting but participated in the discussion as a member of the public. The Board discussed enforcement of the ordinance in general and the decision made at the January 20th meeting. Since the decision was made to formally warn Mike without any investigation (which the Board believed was beyond their capabilities), Dave motioned that following the same reasoning the Board should formally warn both Tom Staats and Liz O'Neil for the noise their dogs reportedly have made disturbing Mike Winot. Seconded, all voted in favor. Further discussion on the Boards ability to enforce the *Town Dog Ordinance* ensued. Doug motioned that the Board request a legal opinion on the Boards options and responsibilities to enforce the *Town Dog Ordinance*. Seconded, all voted in favor.

5. Road Report:

a. The only open working order is to apply chloride to the ice build-up on Grassy Brook Road near Harris Hill Road.

- b. There were no new updates on the Grassy Brook Road bridge deck replacement project.
- c. Dave has been working on the Hill road culvert grant request. It is basically complete and ready to forward after Town Meeting.

6. New Business:

- a. The Third Annual Candidates Forum will be held at the school at 7:00 of February 10th.
- b. The Board received an anonymous complaint concerning non-farming use of a tractor on the public roadways by a minor. The complaint had done some research with the department of transportation, which said it was illegal and a mater for law enforcement. They had also followed up with the State Police, which said it was a town problem. Archie will follow-up with the State Police.

7. Other Business:

- a. Nothing more has been done on the town office flooring project. Doug will coordinate a date to move items out of the vault so the floor can be completed. He will also look into prices for a counter to replace the clerk's desk.
- b. Some of the current year budget was reviewed. The gravel bill from Fitzpatrick's was adjusted down to reflect the agreed upon price (about \$920 less than the previous bill).

8. Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed. A letter was received from the census bureau was received requesting the Board verify the town boundaries on a map they provided. The letter was signed by the Chair and will be returned to them.

9. Pay Orders: Pay orders were reviewed. Accounts payable warrant #15, \$372.00 and payroll warrant #15, \$11,913.14. Mike motioned they be approved. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM. The next meeting will be February 17th at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted
Douglas Wellman
Clerk of the Board

Approved as written at February 17, 2010 meeting