

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)
February 17, 2010

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. Also present were members of the public Cynthia Nau, Kim and Sonny Rink, and David Allbee.

2. The minutes of the February 3rd meeting were reviewed. Doug motioned they be approved as written. Seconded, all voted in favor.

3. Members of the Public:

a. Captain Robert Lakin from the Windham County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) briefed the Board on services available from the WCSD and current procedures for contracting law enforcement services through the department. He explained some of the services available, the current hours of coverage (7AM-1AM), and new reporting on contract services. He recommended we consider contracting with the WCSD (currently the rate is \$42 per hour). Archie thanked the Captain for his attendance.

b. David Allbee asked the board to consider being a fiscal sponsor for the Historic Brookline Church Preservation Initiative, Inc. (HBCPI). They would like to apply for a \$5,000 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation and as of now do not have an approved 501(c)(3) status. The town would only act as a pass through account to maintain the tax exempt status and not be required to do any reporting, the HBCPI would be responsible for all paperwork. The grant funds would only be used to support fund raising activities and not for capital improvements on the church. Doug motioned the Town act as the financial sponsor for the HBCPI until such time the HBCPI obtains 501(c)(3) status, at which time any remaining funds would be transferred to the HBCPI. Seconded, all voted in favor.

c. Cynthia thanked Archie for his years of service to the Board at his last meeting as a Board Member.

4. Old Business:

a. The Board discussed town meeting preparations. Board members will meet at 8:30 to set-up the room. Archie and/or Mark will plow for additional parking.

b. The Candidates Forum was held on February 10th. There was minimal attendance but was some interest in the open elected positions.

5. Road Report:

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

b. There were no updates on the Grassy Brook Road Bridge.

c. Doug presented the handout for town meeting on upcoming road projects. It covers projected major road expenditures as information for the voters.

d. The fine assessed by the Agency of Natural Resources that will be used on the Hill Road culvert has been paid directly to the Town.

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

7. **Other Business:**

a. No additional work has been done on the town office flooring project.

b. The current budget was not reviewed.

c. The *Town Report* is still not complete. To comply with the legal notice requirements a letter with the warning and auditors report will be mailed in place of the full report. Hopefully the *Town Report* will be available by Town Meeting.

d. The contract with Rescue Inc. was signed. It had only a minimal price increase from last year.

e. Archie received a response from the State Police on the inquiry concerning non-farming use of a tractor on the public roadways by a minor. The police agreed with the e-mail from the department of transportation, which said it was illegal and a matter for law enforcement. Mike will convey this information to the complainant who can follow-up if the action continues.

f. Archie briefed the rest of the Board on the status of the ongoing dog ordinance complaints. After reviewing the ordinance and complaint letters, the attorney recommended that an individual be appointed to talk to all involved parties and try to resolve the complaints. The attorney also recommended that the Board hold off on presenting the warning letters to Tom Staats and Liz O'Neil. Doug voiced his concerns that the Board had voted to formally warn both these individuals at the last meeting. The Board discussed the consistent enforcement of the ordinance again and the decision made at the February 3rd meeting. Archie will serve the warning letters and Alicia will check with a mediator as a possible alternate course of action.

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

9. **Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed. Accounts payable warrant #16, \$591.81 was reviewed. There was no payroll warrant. Doug motioned it be approved. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM. The next meeting will be March 3rd at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted
Douglas Wellman
Clerk of the Board