

Brookline Selectboard Minutes (Draft)  
January 20, 2010

1. Chairman Archie Clark called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Present were board members Mike Winot, Alicia Dest, and Doug Wellman. Board member David Ryder arrived late due to a previous commitment.

2. The minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Doug motioned they be approved as written. Seconded, all voted in favor. There was a brief discussion on the timeliness of posting the minutes on the town website based on an e-mail from a town resident. Both Archie and Doug had responded to the e-mail addressing these concerns.

3. **Members of the Public:** No members of the public were present.

4. **Old Business:**

a. The warning for the annual town meeting could not be finalized to the receipt of a petition from the voters requesting an appropriation for the Leland and Gray Education Foundation. The board also revised the order for all additional articles and revised the amount to be requested for the Hill Road culvert replacement. Archie will incorporate these changes into the warning and e-mail the revised document to board members for review. He will then print a copy for us to sign prior to the last legal date for warning the town meeting (January 30<sup>th</sup>).

5. **Road Report:**

a. The only open work order concerns ice build-up on Grassy Brook Road near Harris Hill Road. Road Foreman Mark Bills will apply chloride to clear this problem

b. The engineer on the Grassy Brook Road bridge contacted Archie to see if any changes needed to be made. Archie responded that Renaud Brothers had a question concerning extending the width to 24 feet for the estimate. The contractors will talk directly to see if they can resolve the question.

c. The gravel bill from Fitzpatrick's has finally been received. There was some concern over the amount charged (see pay orders section).

d. Doug asked about drafting a list of major road projects to handout at town meeting. This would just be a rough draft of known projects to help educate town citizens on the need for major expenditures. Doug will draft something and e-mail to the other members prior to the next meeting.

6. **New Business:** There was an anonymous e-mail concerning speeding and reckless driving in town. This generated follow-up comments again questioning the posted speed limits. The board discussed the speed limit and enforcement again. To make any changes an official traffic study would need to be completed. Any informal review of the speed limits in surrounding towns showed our limits are comparable.

7. **Other Business:**

a. The flooring is installed in all but the vault area. Most of the major items have been moved back into place but much cleanup remains to be done. After this is completed Doug will make arrangements for the contractor to complete the vault.

b. The board reviewed the town budget. Mike motioned that the town-operating budget be set at \$86,494.00 and the highway budget be set at \$150,954.00. This is an increase of 0.2% and 6.6% respectively. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

c. Gary and Julie Lavorgna have requested a key to the town office so they can access the new sandwich board sign and letters to update town notices. A brief discussion ensued on control of keys and who has access. The board decided to issue a key to the Lavorgna's.

d. Current year budget information was reviewed.

e. The Board discussed purchasing a new desk/counter as requested by the Town Clerk. Since the new floor has been installed this would be a good time to rearrange the office. The Board decided to wait until near the end of the fiscal year and use remaining monies, if possible, for new workspace.

f. The Board discussed projected vacancies in town offices due to term expirations this year. A candidates forum will be held in the town office at 7:00 PM on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

g. A letter was received from Tom Staats (153 Whitney Hill Road) concerning noise from dogs owned by Mike Winot (174 Whitney Hill Road) that he believes is in violation of the Town Dog Ordinance (section 4, paragraph B). The letter was also signed by Liz O'Neil (181 Whitney Hill Road). Mike recused himself from voting on this matter due to a conflict of interest, but participated in the discussion as a member of the public. After a lengthy discussion Doug motioned that the Board formally warn Mike Winot that his dogs are disturbing the peace of two of his neighbors in violation of the town dog ordinance. Seconded, all voted in favor. Archie will draft a written warning.

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

9. **Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed. Accounts payable warrant #15, \$11,581.05 and payroll warrants #14, \$527.91 and #15, 604.75. Dave motioned they be approved with the provision that one item on the accounts payable warrant (gravel from Fitzpatrick's) not be paid until he verifies the amount and gives the Treasurer final approval. Seconded. All voted in favor, approved.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 PM. The next meeting will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted  
Douglas Wellman  
Clerk of the Board