

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06

Members Present:

Doug Wellman
Tom Staats
Mike Fontaine
Kim Rink
David Parker, Jr.

Members of public:

Mark Bills
Kerry Bourne

Previous Minutes:

- 8/17-Tom reviewed some edits for the last meeting's minutes and edits were noted.
- 8/17-Kim motioned minutes to be approved with noted changes. Tom seconded. All approved.
- 8/24-Reviewed and no edits were required.
- 8/24-Kim motioned as written. Tom 2nd. All approved.
- 9/1-to come.

Old Business:

- At the planning commission meeting on Monday the 12th, Kate McCarthy will have a final draft of grant application for review. David suggests inviting Kate to the 21st Selectboard meeting as it is reviewed to answer any questions and to expedite the process since the deadline for the application is Sept. 30. David will get copies to the rest of the board prior to next meeting for review.

Road Report:

FLOOD DAMAGE

- Nothing from state emergency management agency but something came from league of cities and towns.
- Windham Regional is in process of coordinating road repair. There is a meeting Friday at 10am in Springfield that is dedicated to Windsor and Windham counties. Attendance is mandatory to receive FEMA funding.
- Tom was on teleconference yesterday. FEMA representative seemed to not have much info to share yet. A big issue was eligible and non-eligible categories. Doug mentioned category A and B which was debris removal and emergency preventive measures. Tom- if there is something touching a road or bridge, then eligible. Also household stuff that gets washed is up to the landowner to try and file for FEMA but towns not eligible. Tom recommends alerting town via web site to notify if there are any dams on anyone's properties that might be a threat to roads and bridges. Doug heard that even landowners will not be able to do so either. Tom suggests that Brookline needs to take care of things and not continue to wait for FEMA or higher government to act. Noted that, provided all damage is documented, it should be ok to proceed with repairs. Sue Alexander's culvert is in dire need of repair. However, it's noted that if we fix it to the point it was before, issues might not be eligible for a state grant to fix it correctly. Tom is adamant that the town should go ahead. Doug responds that Selectboard has a taxpayer responsibility to try and get the money from the state/FEMA instead of tax money. Tom mentions also that Mark is committed to the town and has offers to go elsewhere and that Selectboard should take advantage of his current availability before he gets outsourced. Doug mentions that if it's over \$100k has to advertise for formal bids. Under \$25k we can go ahead and do. Between \$25k and \$100k, need

formal estimates. Doug mentions that we've already spent a lot of money already and asks how the government entities draw the lines in projects. Tom thinks that a professional needs to determine what a project is and understood from the phone call is that FEMA wants a formal estimate for anything over \$100k with three bids. Tom and Doug agree they heard something different and hope that they can get answers at meeting on Fri., 9 Sept.

- Mark ballpark guess at what cost we are at right now is: 175-180 yards gravel and stone and rip rap. Which is estimated to cost between \$18-25k
- Doug guesses \$30-40k right now. Voters approved money for paving but would have to take a loan to replace next year for paving if money doesn't come from Govt. Tom asks about special low income loans for disaster.
- Tom asked again about last fiscal budget. Penny said she would have it.
- Doug recommends halting any ongoing work since it can't be afforded.
- Mark said he thought there were two undersized culverts at ? house.
- Mark says several loads of gravel/stone still needed
- Doug asks if new culvert is needed above Dave's driveway. Mark recommends it and notes that town has one already that could be used. In Mike's opinion, this could possibly be considered for the hazard mitigation grant.
- Doug suggests that the town not wait longer than one week to begin repairs, regardless of FEMA response.
- Mark suggests not waiting as well since materials are in high demand and will be out of supply shortly. There is discussion about requesting that the supplier reserve some for Brookline. Otherwise, if the supplier does not agree, have it delivered to general locations near where it's needed for the time being to work with when time allows. Tom suggests securing enough for spring as well.
- There is discussion about the amount of work that can be completed within current budget. Tom quotes the Reformer and Governor Shumlin that not everything can be fixed completely before winter but make roads passable and plowable.
- Locations that have been inspected already can have work initiated. The general consensus is that Mark should begin work right away.
- There will be an interim Selectboard meeting on Sept. 14th
- Kim asked about what to do regarding re-routing streams. Doug mentioned previously that it's been indicated by superiors that "the streams will go where they want to go" and that they should be left alone if they do not interfere with roadways. Kerry Bourne asked if the rules have been relaxed as he's noticed people working in brooks. Residents should have permission from Agency of Natural Resources.
- Tom asked about streams that now run over a septic system. That question will be directed to the Agency of Natural Resources.
- Culvert at John's on Bennett Road – The agreement is that he will pay for materials and town will fix.
- Greer Road needs material, per Mark.
- Approximately 700 yards of material is needed throughout the town for gravel, bank run and rip rap, estimated at \$10k.
- Mike spoke to Daniel's Construction regarding the new bridge and they will come fix holes.
- After reviewing current budget and last, unaudited budget, it seems there is about \$10k highway budget surplus and about \$5k has been spent so far. There's about \$60k currently available.
- Regarding the bridge at Kirsch Road, Doug was with the inspectors and a big rock was knocked out which was suggested to fix with concrete.

PLOWING

- It's time to request plowing and sand bids. All members are ok with Mike running an ad. Opening date is the first meeting in October 2011.

New Business:

- Regarding budget, Tom noticed the educational appropriations have not been paid and asked about it. The question will be directed to the Town Clerk.
- Tom requests that auditor's report be on agenda for next meeting
- Tom recommends that a disaster recovery plan/policy and code of conduct for personnel be formulated based on auditor's report. He will try to get the auditor to come to next meeting as well.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Diana Bander.
 - o Seems to be a law enforcement issue and Doug will research which government agency is the appropriate one to report this to. In the past, Tom had spoken to the Agency of Natural Resources about a property issue but ANR has not gotten back to him.

Pay Orders:

- None

Meeting adjourned: 9:26

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Niebel
Clerk of Brookline Selectboard