

Approved Minutes
BROOKLINE SELECTBOARD MEETING
March 1st, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Action Summary:

- Approved the Minutes for February 16th, 2017, as corrected.
- Voted to ask the Moderator to modify the Annual Report listing to include the deficit amount of \$20,761.00, to show \$310,983.00, to be voted on at Town Meeting.
- Accepted Ms. Hoard's resignation as Chair of the Selectboard with regret.
- Approved Pay Orders totaling \$16,503.84.

Present:

Board: Bernardine Hoard (Chair), Dorothy Maggio (Vice-chair), Stan Noga, Bruce Mello, Gwen Tanza

Members of the Public: Mark Bills, Guy Tanza (Videographer), Peter Barus (Recorder)

Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31PM.

Changes to the agenda

(none)

Approve minutes from February 16, 2017

Typographical errors and omissions were corrected.

Ms. Maggio moved "to Approve the Minutes for February 16th, 2017, as corrected." Second by Ms. Tanza.

All in Favor.

Scheduled members of the Public

Town Clerk Update

Ms. Maggio noted that dog licenses are due April 1st, the Clinic is March 25th, for dogs and cats to receive rabies and distemper inoculations; Town Meeting is Tuesday at 10:00 AM, at the former Elementary School, 624 Grassy Brook Road (now SLDC), in the all-purpose room; snacks will be served; the polling hours for the Act 46 Merger Proposal vote will be 9:00AM to 7:00PM in the Town Office.

The Windham Regional Commission Salt Shed grant was not obtained, because there were too many applications from other Towns; Brookline can re-apply next year; Mr. Clark, the Selectboard and Ms. Zwick also were informed of this by email.

Unscheduled members of the Public (none)

Old Business

Town Meeting Annual Report Review Deficit Amount

Ms. Maggio noted that on January 18th it was moved to raise by taxation \$290,222.00; but this did not include the deficit amount of \$20,761.00, although it was listed in several places. She asked that the number be amended to \$310,983.00, and will bring this information to the Moderator, David Parker.

Ms. Maggio moved "to modify the Annual Report listing to include the deficit amount of \$20,761.00, to show \$310,983.00, to be voted on at Town Meeting. Second by Mr. Mello.

There was discussion of bringing the information to the Moderator to ask for an amendment; Mr. Tanza had spoken with Secretary of State's Office and learned that it is within the Slectboard's purview to make this change because the number is germane and shown in the budget, and the Moderator should be asked if he agrees that it is germane; the other option is to warn a Special Town Meeting, but because it is under seven percent, it could be addressed by the first option.

Ms. Hoard called for a vote on the Motion, "to ask the Moderator to modify the Annual Report listing to include the deficit amount of \$20,761.00, to show \$310,983.00, to be voted on at Town Meeting." **All In Favor.**

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SLDC update CO & Fire-Smoke Detector Grant

Ms. Maggio had communicated to Tina Bills by both email and land mail, regarding the inspection, requesting the report and list of what was corrected, indicating that the Selectboard would respond promptly; Ms. Bills sent a form with a description of bathroom windows requiring screens and exhaust fan, with a copy of the building code; Ms. Maggio will follow up with Attorney Fisher.

In discussion Mr. Noga suggested ways to ascertain the applicable codes; Ms. Maggio provided a copy of the information sent by Ms. Bills.

Mr. Noga had emailed Alan Pike of Code 3 Products, who has not yet replied; he noted that the State must approve the grant before the work is done. There was discussion; no official permit has been issued as yet to use as an emergency center; Mr. Bills checked the other toilet tanks at SLDC and found one more with corroded hardware, which he will repair; this was the source of the wet ceiling issue addressed previously.

Highway/Roads update

Mr. Bills reported monitoring the roads regularly, noting they are getting lumpy, but are firm for this time of year with not as many frost heaves; Athens Road has more heaves but no bad ruts; he discussed the impact of weather conditions on the roads. He has ordered salt several times and reported a good supply on hand. In response to questions he noted that Mr. Clark had mentioned that he is willing to stay on as Road Commissioner.

New Business

Health Officer Training

Ms. Maggio noted that Ms. Tanza and Ms. Maggio plan to attend.

Mr. Noga discussed an ANR notice of modifications to streams; Mr. Bills was provided a copy.

Mr. Noga asked about the need to make any statements on the belfry work on the Meeting House. Mr. Mello noted that Mr. Meyer had emailed a Scope of Work paper relating to the grant for repairs.

Correspondence and Pay Orders

Correspondence

- FEMA letter, Hazard Mitigation Review Tool
- WSWMD Supervisor notifying fee rise: Mr. Noga asked about dollar amounts; there was discussion to the effect that this was just a notice.
- Letter of resignation from Ms. Hoard: Ms. Maggio noted that the Selectboard must accept reluctantly, noting there are six days to reconsider; the Selectboard expressed regret at Ms. Hoard's departure and gratitude for her years of service; The Town Clerk expressed gratitude for her work for the Town;

Ms. Maggio moved to accept Ms. Hoard's resignation with regret. Second by Mr. Noga. **All in favor, with regret.**

Mr. Noga discussed officers who may be stepping down, who might be invited to be appointed; there was discussion.

The Act 46 vote was discussed, seeking a director (the Town is entitled to one) if the new district is formed; there are no petitions so far, so it will have to be a write-in, receiving four votes (five percent of the checklist); NewBrook also has an opening; L&G is a different board, and also has an opening. Mr. Tanza explained that if mergers take place, the existing boards will serve for one more year.

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Pay Orders

The Selectboard signed the following pay orders, totaling \$16,503.84:

- Ms. Hoard moved to accept Accounts Payable #35 in the amount of \$14,762.95. Second by Ms. Maggio. **All in Favor.**
- Ms. Hoard moved to accept Payroll Warrant #34 in the amount of \$1,740.89. Second by Mr. Noga. **All in Favor.**

A/P #35	\$14,762.95
Payroll #34	<u>\$1,740.89</u>
Total	\$16,503.84

Set agenda for the next meeting: March 15th, 2017

- Reorganization
- Census

Adjournment

Mr. Noga moved to Adjourn. Second by Ms. Hoard. **All in Favor.**

The meeting Adjourned at 7:14PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, Recorder, March 6th, 2016