

Approved Minutes
Town of Brookline Selectboard
Wednesday February 20th, 2019, 6:30 PM

Present:

Selectboard: Dot Maggio, David Jones, Gwen Tanza, Chris Webb, Bruce Mello

Members of the Public: Diane Landrigan, David Parker, Guy Tanza (Town Clerk, Videographer), Peter Barus (Recorder)

Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Review changes to the agenda if any

Daycare Building Update was Tabled.

Scheduled members of the public

A. David Parker invited to share suggestions re: Town Meeting under Old Business

Unscheduled members of the public

Approve minutes from February 6, 2019 meeting

Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes for February 6th, 2019, as corrected. Second by Mr. Webb **All in Favor.**

New Business

Old Business

A. Town Meeting – Update

I. Discussion – Review of Protocol – David Parker Jr.

Mr. Parker was recognized and discussed the School Board Warning; he had called the Secretary of State; he explained that the notification was fine, but Vermont Law requires the first Article to be the election of the Moderator to open the Town Meeting; that the Secretary's office had not offered a solution, and was expected to call back; that there is no legal way to have the meeting without first electing a Moderator; and that although the same person may serve as Moderator for both the Town Meeting and the School Board meeting, this may only be done after that person is duly elected. There was discussion. Mr. Parker had left messages with the Secretary's office and VLCT.

Ms. Maggio invited comments on the Town Report. She noted that Carolyn Partridge and Matthew Trieber will be notified of the schedule.

Mr. Parker explained that a Special Meeting would be needed for the School Board, as Town Meeting had not been adequately Warned; there would be no forum for the school meeting. He will inquire with the Secretary's office about providing for a school meeting.

Ms. Maggio noted that Shelby Brimmer is the representative for L&G replacing Lyndall Boal.

Mr. Jones cited earlier discussions about the expiring terms of Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. Jillson, who will be needed for certain functions and that the Selectboard may have to appoint them for extended time. He noted that their positions should have been on the Warning as well. Mr. Parker will inquire about this with the Secretary's office.

It was noted that on March 2nd there will be an exhibition of Mr. Parker's photography at West Village Meeting House.

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II. Guy Tanza – Terex Wheeled excavator in Article 11

Mr. Tanza had spoken with Able, Inc., Albany, NY, arranging to have the machine available for public inspection at Town Meeting; shipment back to Albany would be paid by the Selectboard at \$625.00. If the town elected to purchase, the machine would remain, and financing would start April of this fiscal year, with prorated insurance coverage at \$694.00 per year.

There was discussion of the proposed arrangements; of whether it would be necessary to have the machine present, considering the expense and effort involved, and potential bad weather; that photographs might suffice; that the loan was not yet approved; that the machine had been around while being used by the town in Summer. There was discussion of the Article.

Mr. Tanza will notify the seller and request photographs or a brochure, and not to have the machine on site for Town Meeting

III. Appointments – Reorganization after Town Meeting

There was discussion; it was noted that there will be 26 appointments. Ms. Maggio will call several candidates. Mr. Tanza will continue to serve as Road Commissioner. He noted that WRC is meeting Tuesday evening (February 26th). Ms. Maggio will continue serving as Animal Control Officer. Mr. Tanza will continue as 911 coordinator; Mr. Jones will serve as WSWMD representative, with the caveat that he will not attend all meetings. There was discussion of various possible appointments.

Mr. Webb will email the State representatives.

B. Vote to Adopt Amendments to the Town of Brookline, Vermont, Dogs (and Wolf-Hybrids) Ordinance

Ms. Maggio had provided updated copies.

Ms. Maggio moved to adopt the Town of Brookline, Vermont, Dogs (and Wolf-Hybrids) Ordinance. Second by Mr. Webb.

In discussion Ms. Maggio noted that the Ordinance will be helpful in defining regulations and costs.

On the Motion, **All in Favor.**

The Selectboard signed the document.

Ms. Maggio noted that protocol will be followed as to public posting and obtaining requisite signatures; a signed copy will be included in the Minutes (see Appendix 1)

C. Vote to Adopt Town of Brookline, Vermont, Protection of Roads and Road Right-of-Way Ordinance.

Ms. Maggio moved to adopt the Town of Brookline, Vermont Protection of Roads and Road Right-of-Way Ordinance. Second by Mr. Webb. **All in Favor.**

The Selectboard signed the document.

A signed copy will be appended to the Minutes (see Appendix 2)

Ms. Maggio acknowledged Mr. Webb for his work setting up the procedures for creating Ordinances; she discussed submissions and public postings.

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Mr. Webb noted that there would be 44 days open for petition at a special Town Meeting, after which the Ordinances would become official on the 60th day.

D. Day care building repair update – Bruce Mello
(Tabled)

E. The Selectboard may recess into an executive session if requested, while discussing the lease contract which was offered to Suzy Coutermarsh of Suzy’s Little Peanuts Day School LLC for the school building at 624 Grassy Brook Road.

Ms. Maggio moved that the Selectboard enter executive session for ten minutes at 7:19 PM. Second by Mr. Webb. **All in Favor.**

The Selectboard reconvened at 7:31 PM. No action was taken.

Ms. Maggio will remind the tenant at 624 Grassy Brook Road that the lease must be signed and returned with a check by March 1st, 2019.

A. Town Clerk Report – Guy Tanza

Mr. Tanza reported dog licenses being sold; he thanked the Selectboard for their work, and expressed regret that some members will not be running again, and gratitude for their time working together.

Highways & Roads

A. Road Commissioner Update – Guy Tanza

Mr. Tanza had spoken with Marion Major at WRC regarding RFP, lining up a vendor; the hole at Howard Osgood’s will be addressed when weather permits; that section is under consideration for repaving. There was discussion of the traffic hazard at that location; that \$30,000.00 per year has been spent on paving; the Highway Department receives \$39,000.00 for highways, 17 miles of roads, and appropriates \$30,000.00 for paving.

Mr. Tanza applauded the Selectboard.

B. Road supervisor Update – E. Mark Bills

Communications

A. Email

B. Regular Mail

- RFP program Vt Rural Protection Program Survey
- Vermont Roads Scholar seminar data
- SEVeDs letter project submissions
- Grace Cottage Hospital flier
- VLCT Selectboard Institute flier
- VLTC Newsletter

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Pay Orders

B. Accounts payable

Ms. Maggio moved to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #2019-32 in the amount of: \$2,900.84. Second by Mr. Webb. **All in Favor.**

A. Payroll

Ms. Maggio moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2019-33 in the amount of: \$1,573.06. Second by Mr. Webb. **All in Favor.**

Set Agenda for the next meeting, March 6, 2019

- Reorganization

Selectboard Comments

A. Chris Webb

Mr. Webb expressed appreciation for the honor of serving the past two years, and regrets that he was unable to continue to serve on the Selectboard; he acknowledged the other representatives, and Mr. Tanza, for their service and assistance, and residents, all working well together.

B. Dot Maggio

Ms. Maggio cited five years of service and the many people and personalities working together without personal agendas. She noted that, while not running in the current cycle, she anticipates working as a volunteer on improvements for the town, and possibly elected office in the future.

Adjournment

Mr. Jones expressed thanks to Ms. Maggio and Mr. Webb for their service and the quality of their work. Ms. Tanza and Mr. Mello added their acknowledgements. Mr. Mello cited work that has been accomplished over the past five years on the buildings, roads, ordinances that may have gone unnoticed by residents.

Mr. Webb moved to adjourn. Second by Ms. Maggio. All in Favor.

The meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Barus, recorder February 25th, 2019