



TOWN OF
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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, May 2, 2011

Selectmen Tad Putney, Clarence Farwell, Jack Flanagan, Darrell Philpot and Karl Dowling were present.

Public Input

Helen Ballou said May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. There is a documentary “Under Our Skin” at 6:30 pm on May 10th at the Hollis Brookline High School.

Dennis Skey said the town’s website has been rated D-. He said he attended a transparency conference in Washington. **Tad** said he’d like to see a list on what we can do to improve our website. **Jack** suggested this be a future agenda item.

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Karl moved, seconded by Jack to approve the minutes of April 25th. Voted yes 3-0; 2 abstentions.

Darrell moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the non public session minutes of April 18th regarding the police department. Voted yes 5-0.

Darrell moved, seconded by Clarence to unseal the non public session minutes of April 18th that were just approved. Voted yes 3-2; Tad and Karl against.

Vendors

Darrell said we should have a list of vendors and their contracts and terms. He said he feels we have a lot of hand shaking deals that might come back and bite us. **Clarence** said we probably have over 100 vendors. **Karl** noted that the department heads review and sign off on the bills. **Rena** said there are few contracts. Most of the time services are purchased and we pay the bill when it comes in. The selectmen agreed to focus on multiyear contracts.

Ambulance Call

Jennifer Brooks sent an email to Karl Dowling asking about a rumor she heard regarding an ambulance call. She said the rumor is that there was a possibility that a police cruiser arrived first at a 911 call and did not go into the house until another rescue vehicle arrived. She asked the following questions:

- *Is it true that Brookline police cruisers are equipped with oxygen and a defibrillator?* **Tad** said yes, they are equipped with oxygen and defibrillators. However, the defibrillators are not kept in the cruisers during cold weather as the batteries run down. The equipment is in the cruiser for use by ambulance personnel should they arrive at the scene before the ambulance.

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- *Are all police, fire and ambulance personnel trained as “First Responders”?* **Tad** said police personnel are not trained as first responders. Per RSA, administration of oxygen is prohibited by anyone not licensed to do so. Neither the ambulance director, nor the ambulance personnel are certified to teach the course on oxygen. Apparently the police department has opted not to pursue the training due to costs to attend and overtime to fill shifts while others attend.
- *I would imagine there are records kept in regards to: time of 911 call, dispatch time of call to Brookline emergency responders, time of first auto at the scene, time of interventions, time of transport, etc?* **Tad** said Hollis Dispatch toned the Brookline Ambulance to a residence on Mountain Road on March 10th at 0213 hrs. The on duty officer was at Hollis Dispatch picking up paperwork when the call came in. He responded to the police station to retrieve the AED then directly to the scene. He arrived at the scene at 0224 hrs. He parked his cruiser on Mountain Road at the entrance to the driveway so the ambulance would know which driveway. An EMT, not involved with the CPR asked the officer for the AED and the officer retrieved it for him. At 0215 hrs an EMT advised he was at the scene. At 0217 hrs two EMTs responded directly to the scene from their respective homes. At 0219 hrs, the 911 dispatcher advised Hollis Dispatch CPR was in progress. At 0225 hrs the ambulance arrived. They cleared the scene and in-service at 0309 hrs.

Request for Information

The Selectmen reviewed the information requested by Laurie Perreault regarding the police department. It is available to her tomorrow.

Ambulance Recognition

The Selectmen signed a resolution for Wes Whittier in appreciation for over 20 years of dedicated service to the Town as Ambulance Director and Emergency Management Director. The recognition of ambulance personnel is May 18th.

Police – Kurland

The Town received a Motion for Reconsideration from McKenney Law Offices regarding the selectmen’s decision to uphold Chief Quigley’s recommendation to terminate Mike Kurland. The Board decided to take no action on the motion based on advice of counsel.

Insurance – Town Buildings

LGC has reviewed and revised the values of town buildings as the selectmen thought they were too high. The selectmen agreed with new figures which reduced the values by \$1,438,000 for the Safety Complex, Legion Hall, Fire Station, Town Hall, Library, Annex, Brusck Hall and Chapel. The selectmen agreed with the new values.

Tax Bill Inserts

Town Clerk/Tax Collector **Patti Howard-Barnett** sent an email asking permission to include fliers in the July tax bills. One was from Wes Whittier reminding people that house numbers need to be clearly visible and another letting people know the vacant volunteer positions on boards and committees in town. The selectmen agreed but asked that both notices be on one page.

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Chapel

Clarence said he's waiting for a second estimate for re pointing the chimney at the Chapel.

Cable

Karl said he's meeting with the Cable Committee this week about airing the meetings.

Non Public Session

*Tad moved, seconded by Jack to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a), (c) and (d).
Voted yes 5-0.*

On returning to public session, *Tad moved, seconded by Jack to seal the minutes. Voted yes 5-0.*

Elm Trees

Tad said they sold 3 of the boy scout tree and 8 others. He said they have put in 22 trees along Main Street, Milford Street and Meetinghouse Hill Road since the program began.

Gen. Business

Approved warrants for payment.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Tad Putney

Clarence L. Farwell

Jack B. Flanagan

Darrell Philpot

Karl D. Dowling