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*Minutes*  
*Board of Selectmen*  
*Monday, June 13, 2011*

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

Present were Helen Ballou, Brendan Denehy, Brian Rater, Jeff Smith, Dennis Skey, Rich Vertullo, Lynne Abt, Ann Somers, Loring Webster and John Chierus.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input**

**Recreation Commission**

**Rich Vertullo** said they have rented out the field twice and expect more rentals. The Recreation Commission has established field usage rates. He said they will be talking to the sports organizations about rates for next year. Rich said between 80 and 85% of their budget is for maintenance of the fields. Rich said they didn't estimate any revenue this year or budget for use of the concession stand. **Tad** said he called the Dept. of Revenue Administration and the revenue and disbursements can go through the Recreation Revolving Fund. **Darrell** questioned the oversight of the fund. It was noted a majority of Recreation Commission members need to sign an invoice before the treasurer issues a check. **Ann Somers** said she thought they couldn't use the concession stand until they replaced the hood on the grill. **Rich** said he's waiting to get approval from the fire department as long as they are actively pursuing the purchase of a hood for the grill.

**Rich** said they had to replace the water heater at the concession stand at a cost of \$800. He asked how to handle the transaction. Rich said he was prepaid for field maintenance and Trugreen will take care of \$800 worth of field maintenance. It was agreed that \$800 of the prepayment will be charged to the concession stand line item and Rich will pay the bill for the water heater.

**4 Rideout Lane**

**Darrell** asked who's responsible for a protruding drainage culvert under the driveway at 4 Rideout Lane. He said he checked with Valerie and was told the state inspected the driveway. **Clarence** said it's not the state that inspects driveways. He said it's the owner's driveway, the town shouldn't be responsible. **Tad** suggested that Darrell contact the LGC.

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**Darrell moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the public session minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Voted yes 5-0.**

**Karl moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the four sets of non public session minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Voted 5-0 on the minutes regarding a welfare issue and 4-0; Jack abstained on the other three issues.**

**Warrants**

Warrant in the amount of \$273,288.83 and payroll in the amount of \$40,141.63 were approved for payment.

**Code of Ethics**

**Darrell** asked if the Code of Ethics is for the town. It was noted that it was passed at the 2005 town meeting as a non-binding resolution. **Jack** said we can't override the legislative body. **Rena** said the selectmen adopted the Code of Ethics for themselves. **Dennis** said other towns have an Ethics Committee. **Jack** said in the legislature you have to disclose a potential conflict but it doesn't mean you can't participate in the discussion. **Jack** suggested the selectmen adopt it and put it before the next town meeting. **Dennis** said RSA 95:1 deals with public officials and providing goods and services. **Jeff Smith** said we need to assure people that the town is doing the right thing. **Darrell** will check with LGC on a purchasing policy. **Jack moved, seconded by Karl to adopt the Code of Ethics for the selectmen. Voted yes 5-0.** **Brendan Denehy** suggested checking with other departments to see if they have adopted the Code of Ethics.

**Transparency Committee**

**Tad** said he drafted a 2011-2012 Website Transparency Committee Charter based on last week's discussion. He suggested the committee consist of 2 at large town residents, and representatives from the Cable/Website Committee, Town Hall staff and Board of Selectmen. **Jack** said he would prefer that it be called Enhancement Committee. **Jeff** said he doesn't believe anyone is doing anything wrong. He said people feel the selectmen are operating on their own and they need to document processes. **Clarence** said he doesn't want the town to become like the federal government. **Tad** noted that for 20 years Brookline has been the fastest growing town and we have growing pains. **Dennis** said he attended the finance committee meeting last week. He said the Farwell's have done a lot for this town but things need to be cleaned up. **Clarence** asked what needs to be cleaned up. He said people move here because of the town and then want to change things to what they had in New Jersey. Clarence said if they don't like it here, they should move back to New Jersey. **Dennis** asked if Clarence would buy his house. **Clarence** said yes, if he moved back to New Jersey. **Jack** said we should look at possible stipends for the Cable/Website Committee. It was noted they get a stipend for the town and school district meetings. **Dennis** said he volunteered for the Cable/Website Committee. **Jeff** said having information accessible from home reduces the work load and people coming into the office for information. **Tad** will put a notice on the yahoo site for 2 at large residents.

**Sanitation**

**Tad** noted a letter received from a resident claiming they were overcharged for items brought to the transfer station. It was agreed that receipts should be provided to all that make a payment at the transfer station. **Rena** said the issue has been resolved.

**Planning Board**

Copies of 2 final plans were received from the planning board. **Clarence** asked who oversees a workforce housing subdivision. **Jack** said a Nashua organization oversees it.

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**Helen Ballou** asked if the public is supposed to raise their hands and wait to be addressed before they speak. She asked to include in the public record that the two articles in The Telegraph about the town audits did not include a statement made by Dennis Skey which she believes was inflammatory and an insult to the Board of Selectmen. He insinuated that some of the board members weren't qualified. Because the articles don't include this statement, they fail to show a balanced account of the meeting and they are misleading to the public.

**Audit**

**Darrell** asked if any deficiencies noted in the audit were discussed with the auditors. **Tad** said no but he's interested in looking at what we do in the future.

**Roads**

**John Cherijs** asked if anything can be done about the vehicles and motorcycles with modified exhaust systems on the road. He said other towns have ordinances. He said Mason Road is particularly bad on the weekends as people go to Parker's early in the morning. **Tad** said Chief Quigley will be here next Monday and we can ask him at that time.

**Chapel**

**Tad** said he checked with the LGC about renting the chapel for religious purposes. They told him there is nothing wrong with it as long as they are treated the same as anyone else.

**Facilities Study Committee**

**Tad moved, seconded by Karl to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) to discuss the composition of the Facilities Committee. Voted yes 5-0.** **Tad** noted 15 people submitted their names. On returning to public session **Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to seal the minutes. Voted yes 5-0.** Minutes will be sealed.

**Gen. Business**

Approved warrants for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

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Tad Putney

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Clarence L. Farwell

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Jack B. Flanagan

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Darrell Philpot

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Karl D. Dowling