



TOWN OF  
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*Minutes*  
*Board of Selectmen*  
*Monday, June 20, 2011*

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

**6:15 pm - Non Public Session**

*Tad moved, seconded by Clarence to go into non public session under RSA 91-A, 3, II (b) (hiring). Voted yes 5-0.*

On returning to public session, Tad introduced two newly appointed full time police officers: **Michael Richard** from Auburn, ME and **Scott Todisco** of Wolfeboro, NH. **Michael** has been a full time certified Maine police Officer for five years. He has a commendation for arresting an armed suspect immediately following a robbery without deadly force. Mike will be NH Certified upon completion of the NH Law Package during the August 2011 NHPSTC Academy. Mike will start work tomorrow. **Scott** has been a police officer in Wolfeboro for eight years and was assigned to the Carroll County Drug Task Force. Scott will start work next Monday. Both Mike and Scott will be moving to the area to be closer to their families in MA.

Present were Ann Somers, Sue Adams, Betty Hall, Brian Rater, Karen Simms, Dennis Skey, Lynne Abt, Hattie Bernstein, Buddy Dougherty and Scott Delage.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Tad** said he was told voices can be heard in the hallway when there is a non public session. Therefore, the building will be closed during non public sessions.

**Meetinghouse Hill Rd/Bond St**

**Chief Bill Quigley** said there have been 3 accidents at the intersection of Meetinghouse Hill Road and Bond Street since January 2009. He said he looked at the intersection with the NH Dept. of Transportation. Bill said the maple tree in front of the town hall obscured the Stop sign across from the church. The tree has since been trimmed. Bill said we would have to send a proposal to NHDOT to request a Stop sign at the intersection. **Bill** said he could put out the trailer stating there is an additional stop sign. **Buddy** Dougherty said he sees no advantage to a Stop sign in front of Bent's. The Selectmen agreed to send a letter to the NH Dept. of Transportation.

**Cross Rd/Pepperell Rd**

**Bill** said since January 2009 there have been 4 accidents at the Cross Road intersection. He said signs saying use directional signals or dangerous intersection ahead would be helpful. **Buddy Dougherty** said since Cross Road isn't salted, most of the accidents are sliding accidents. **Scott Delage** said the

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visibility is worse this year than usual. **Tad** offered to speak to the people on Pepperell Road regarding the bushes.

### **Sargent Rd**

**Chief Quigley** said he called the state police traffic division. The minimum that the road can be posted is 25 mph. He doesn't know if there are any exceptions. **Sue** said there are many near misses on the road. **Dennis** said Averill Road had the same situation and putting up a sign saying Children at Play helped. **Sue** said there is one on Sargent Road. She said there is a 15 mph sign at a corner in Hollis. She said if it has to be 25 mph she asked for a "Hearing Impaired Child" sign at her driveway.

### **Noise Ordinance**

**Bill** cited RSA 266:59-a, which limits the decibel levels on motor vehicles. He said the town would have to purchase equipment to detect the decibels of a vehicle. **Bill** said when they hear a noisy vehicle they stop the vehicle. They can cite the person for disorderly conduct. **Jack** asked if **Bill** can put a cruiser on Mason Road at a busy time on the weekend. **Bill** said he could.

### **Code of Ethics**

**Darrell** said he called the LGC and "services" are not covered under RSA 95-1. He said any violation would be sought through superior court.

### **4 Rideout Rd**

**Darrell** said he called the LGC. They cited RSA 236:13, VI. He said the point of entry is the homeowner's responsibility. Therefore, the driveway issue at 4 Rideout Road is the responsibility of the homeowner.

**Darrell** will draft a letter to the homeowner for next Monday.

### **Proposed Policies**

**Darrell** said he drafted policies over the weekend and suggested a special meeting to review them. They consisted of policies on Cash Receipts, Fraud, Purchasing, Credit Card, and Computer-Internet-Email policies. **Lynne** said we need to look at an information security policy. **Dennis** said Betty Hall mentioned at the finance committee meeting that the town used to elect auditors. **Tad** suggested that we wait until the draft of the audit is ready and meet with the auditor.

**Darrell** said the auditor recommends any adjusting journal entries be reviewed or approved by the selectmen for financial controls. He said we should temporarily get the signature of at least one selectman. **Tad** said we'll be meeting with the auditor soon to get clarification of his comments. **Jack** said we need to know the specific issues from the auditor.

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*Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to approve the non public session minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Voted yes 5-0.*

*Karl moved, seconded by Jack to approve the public session minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Voted yes 5-0.*

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#### **Winterberry Rd**

As the owners of Winterberry Road have agreed to release the cash bond to the town for the completion of the road, **Jack moved, seconded by Karl to authorize the road agent to finish the road with the cash bond of \$30,600 plus interest. Voted yes 4-0; Clarence abstained.**

#### **Conservation Easement – B-79 & D-1**

**Jack** said he's not going to sign the easement for lots B-79 and K-1 as he was told by an abutter that they were threatened by a conservation commission member and at some point the road was blocked. **Tad** said he's a representative on the conservation commission and has not heard of any threat. It was noted if someone felt threatened by a town official, they should have contacted the police department. **Sue** asked the difference between a Class V and Class VI road. **Clarence** said a Class V road is maintained by the town and a Class VI road is not maintained by the town. Tad, Clarence, Karl and Darrell signed the conservation easement and Jack did not.

The Conservation Commission recommends that **Evan Gerekos** be appointed as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission. The selectmen will address it next Monday.

#### **Transfer Station**

We received information from the Dept. of Environmental Services that the town must provide for the recycling or disposal of fluorescent lamps, thermostats, mercury batteries and mercury-added products such as thermometers, tilt switch, etc. We will check with Maurice.

#### **TE Grant - Sidewalks**

**Tad** said we received an email for Thomas Jameson of the NHDOT that Brookline has been moved from the reserve list into the TE program. Engineering funds are due to be available in 2012 and construction to start in 2013.

#### **Nashua Regional Planning Commission**

The NRPC is involved in a statewide effort to map and plan for the future expansion of broadband infrastructure throughout the State of NH. They are looking for at least one but not more than three people to represent Brookline on the committee.

#### **Chapel**

**Jack moved, seconded by Darrell to sign a one year rental agreement with Cornerstone Bible church for use of the Chapel and Brusck Hall. Voted yes 5-0.**

#### **Road Agent**

It was noted that the road agent's fees are the same in 2011 as they were in 2010.

#### **Website Transparency Committee**

**Darrell moved, seconded by Jack to approve the Website Transparency Committee Charter and appoint Betty Hall, Dennis Skey, Patti Howard-Barnett and someone from the Web/Cable committee to serve on the Committee. Voted yes 4-0; Clarence abstained.**

**Town Center (Mixed Use) Committee**

**Darrell** said the planning board held a meeting last week to create a town center (mixed use) committee. There were 4-5 homeowners who lived along Route 130 that were present. The planning board is looking for many volunteers to split into sub-committees. People should contact Valerie Maurer at the town hall. The plan is to work on a "Mixed Use Zoning Overlay District" along the Route 130 corridor and to have a plan ready for the 2012 March Town Meeting. **Clarence** said he's opposed to it. The town changed Route 13 to a single use district and now wants to make Main Street a mixed use district. **Darrell moved, seconded by Karl to form a Town Center (Mixed Use) Committee. Voted yes 4-0; Clarence voting no.**

**91-A Request**

**Tad** noted that Wes Whittier received a letter addressed to the selectmen from Laurie Perreault. She sent another request for 12 items. The selectmen agreed for Tad to consult with LGC counsel on what is public information.

**Gen. Business**

The warrant was approved in the amount of \$54,139.47.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.  
Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

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