



TOWN OF
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BOARD of SELECTMEN

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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, October 24, 2011

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

Also present were Ann Somers, Loring Webster, Helen Ballou, Peter Cook, Hattie Bernstein and Dennis Skey.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Facilities Committee

Peter Cook reported that he will come in every two weeks to give a status report on the progress of the facilities committee. He said the police station has numerous liabilities. Peter said in 2003 the original plan was reduced to accommodate the ambulance facility only. They now have plans for a minimal but adequate police facility. Peter said they need to investigate numerous bonding levels.

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Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the public session minutes of October 17th. Voted yes 4-0; Darrell abstained.

Jack moved, seconded by Karl to approve the 3 sets of non public session minutes of October 17th. Voted yes 4-0; Darrell abstained.

Jack moved, seconded by Karl to unseal the 2nd set of non public session minutes of October 17th. Voted yes 5-0.

Warrant

The selectmen signed Warrant # 58 in the amount of \$116,895.15.

Hollis Dispatch Agreement

Hollis Police Chief **Jay Sartell** was present to discuss the next dispatch agreement. He said Brookline has about 38% of the calls. Jay said he met with the Hollis Selectmen and the Brookline Department Heads. He said they can keep the same budget of \$105,730 for the next three year agreement. Jay said he plans to have both Hollis and Brookline on the same radio frequency. If Brookline goes with mobile data terminals (MDT's) in the cruisers, it will save a lot of redundancy. As the officer enters the information after a stop, the information automatically goes into the Hollis system.

2012 Proposed Budgets

Election & Registration – **Russ Heinselman** presented a proposed budget of \$10,070.

Planning & Zoning – **Rosie Rosenberg** presented a proposed budget of \$54,862. **Tad** noted the planning board is looking at the subdivision regulations as it relates to bonding. It was agreed the

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selectmen will draft changes, share them with the planning board and the planning board will review all proposed changes with town counsel. **Rosie** said we need to attach a letter to the deed or file of the H-75 subdivision that the present subdivision is not valid and new plans need to be submitted to the planning board. The new owner needs to be notified.

Cable Access – Budget not ready. Rosie & Chris St. George will be in next Monday with their budget.

Fire Dept. – **Charlie Corey** presented a proposed budget of **\$266,155**.

Cemeteries – The proposed budget is **\$16,000**. Questions came up on the funds in the custody of the Trustees. They will be asked to come in on November 14th.

Transparency Committee

Karl said a lot of information is available. The committee needs to decide what should go on the website. He said the proposed budget should be put on the website.

Signs

Jack said he was given an 800 number for the ADA. He will make the phone call. Regarding the signs in the triangle, **Clarence** suggested that signs be limited to current businesses in Brookline. After discussing, all selectmen agreed to remove only the signs of closed businesses. **Clarence** will remove the Riverside sign and bring it to the Historical Society.

Planning Board

Darrell noted that Mike Papadimos submitted his resignation on the planning board effective November 6th. The planning board has a vacancy for a full member and an alternate member until March 2013.

CIP

Darrell said the CIP is in process.

Non Public Session

Tad moved, seconded by Karl to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) land acquisition and (e) pending litigation. Voted yes 5-0.

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

Tax Bills

The Assessors submitted general information they would like sent with the tax bills. **Clarence** suggested including a sentence on how many dollars translates into a \$1 increase in taxes. The selectmen expressed concern on increasing the cost of mailing the tax bills and suggested putting the information on the website and in the town report.

Health Insurance

Tad noted the increase for health insurance for next year is 11.4%.

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Halloween

Tad reminded people next Monday's meeting is at 4 pm. Tad, Clarence, Jack and Rena said they would not be coming in costume.

Building Inspector

Karl questioned the building inspector's letter to a resident that set up a tent in their driveway to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to people in need. Karl will talk to the building inspector.

Gen. Business

Approved warrants for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Tad Putney

Clarence L. Farwell

Jack B. Flanagan

Darrell Philpot

Karl D. Dowling