

SELECTMEN'S BUDGET HEARING & MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2009

Attendance: Ernie Brown, Craig Evans and Clifton Camp
Staff: Doug Vanderpool Forest Fire Warden, Ed Nason CEO & Jennifer Sonricker Admin. Assistant
Reporter: Katie Tothill
Public in attendance: 3

The meeting convened and was called to order by Ernie Brown at 6:30 p.m. Ernie led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Prior, Brookfield resident spoke before scheduled GWRSD presentation on Kingswood Complex Renovation Project. Ron addressed a letter from Kathy Mayberry, 6th great-granddaughter of Col. James Hackett, Sr. Col. Hackett, hero of the French and Indian War was a Brookfield resident and owned a homestead on what is now Lyford Road. All that remains of the homestead is the cellar hole. In the letter Ms. Mayberry addresses recently discovering the cellar hole being destroyed. The current property owner Marsha Hunter was called regarding this matter, it was discovered that her son, a landscaper, has been removing stones from the foundation. In the letter Ms. Mayberry states she has been told by the current owner that it is within her right to authorize the removal of the stones and the Town could not legally stop her. Ron further explained that this is one of the earliest settlements in Brookfield. A discussion over current warrant article to create historic commission ensued. Craig explained that they would not have regulation responsibilities. To the best of his knowledge the only way to protect historic sites is to have them listed on the states register of historic places. In the essence of time the selectmen moved on but encouraged Ron to pursue speaking with Ms. Hunter to see if the stones could be returned.

GWRSD Kingswood Complex Renovation Project:

James Manning and Jack Widmer, School Board Members presented a power point presentation on Article II on GWRSD 2009 Warrant. The article is to raise and appropriate \$67,242,614 for the purpose of constructing new space and renovating existing space at the three schools located at the Kingswood Complex (Kingswood Regional High School, Kingswood Regional Middle School and the Region #9 Vocational Center), including equipment and furnishings, architectural fees, site development professional fees and any other items incidental to and/or necessary for said construction. The needs were presented including risk of loosing accreditation due to condition of current facility. The School receives praise regarding academics but is at risk of loosing accreditation due to facility; the high school is out of compliance with state safety codes. The district has been spending significant money for band-aids to remedy the situation including \$83,000 to install a sprinkler system over the stage in the current auditorium. Heating costs were addressed, last year the cost to heat just the high school was \$134,000, with recent increases to electrical rates in Wolfeboro the expected cost for this year is \$240,000. The exterior walls of the high school are Kalwal walls which have an R-factor of <3, very little insulation factor coupled with electric heat is a very inefficient solution. Overcrowding issues were addressed as well as poor air quality. Jack explained that the school district anticipates receiving nearly \$40,500,000 in State Aid over the life of the bond to offset the local expense. With this aid the net cost would be \$26,755,228. The details of the renovation project were reviewed; they include the addition of a new multi-purpose building housing a 900 seat auditorium, locker rooms, and art & performing arts classes. Further initiatives include addition of 18 classroom spaces in high school and middle school, complete renovation of high school (exterior and interior), new library, larger cafeteria, additional space to vocational center allowing new programs to be added, geo-thermal heating and cooling. The renovation is expected to address space needs over the next 30 years. After the presentation a question and answer session was held. James and Jack were thanked for their presentation.

Selectmen's Meeting:

The regular meeting began at 8:10 PM.
Minutes from February 10, 2009 meeting reviewed.

MOTION: Craig made a motion to accept the minutes from February 10, 2009 as presented, seconded by Clifton. A vote was taken; all in favor, motion carries.

Public

Comments No public comments.

Admin. Asst. Nothing to report.

Assessor Clerk N/A

Tax Collector N/A

**Forest Fire
Warden** N/A

Treasurer Ernie announced that Dan O'Neill our current Treasurer will be resigning after Town Meeting, he is relocating. The Selectmen have appointed Mary Lou Maclean to finish out Dan's term. Ms. Maclean is currently working with Dan to ensure a smooth transition. Discussion over audit of town finances discussed, after brief discussion it was decided an audit should be performed to protect all parties involved including the Town.
MOTION: Craig made a motion to have an audit of Town finances in preparation of transition to new Treasurer, seconded by Clifton. A vote was taken; all in favor, motion carries.

**Trustees of
The Trust
Funds** N/A

Town Clerk N/A

**Emergency
Mgmt.
Director** N/A

CEO N/A

Road Agent Ed reported that all roads are open, snow will be pushed back tomorrow. Snowfall reports were as much as 26" in certain parts of town.

Moderator N/A

Planning Board Ed reported there was no meeting last night.

Archivist Nothing to report

**Conservation
Commission** N/A

**Cable
Committee** N/A

**Parks &
Playground** N/A

GWRSD Nothing to report.

**Road
Committee** N/A

**Agricultural
Commission** N/A

Other N/A

Old Business Craig reported profits from the Valentine Breakfast were \$50.00.

Special event permit discussed. Craig has included Susan Slacks comments into the draft, a copy of the latest draft was provided to all Selectmen. All were asked to review; a public hearing will be scheduled after Town Meeting.

Ernie reported he is meeting with Gary Ciccaronne on Friday to discuss installation of new mailbox.

New Business Ernie requested the other Selectmen review the Warrant Article and select the articles they would like to discuss at Town Meeting. Having this information ahead of time will make it easier on the Moderator and increase efficiency of meeting.

Clifton reported he was invited to attend a meeting this Friday, 11AM at The Wolfeboro Public Library with Carol Shea-Porter and two USDA Representative's. The purpose of the meeting is to address what is available to Towns in HR1 (recent stimulus package signed into law).

Craig requested permission to post Town Office Hours on Channel 3 (local broadcast channel for Time Warner). Many of the local towns are posted and there are ~90 residents currently using Time Warner. There were no objections.

Craig reported he has found the keys to both fireproof file cabinets, he would like to move the file cabinet located in the Town House over the Town Office Building to be used by the Supervisors of the checklist; they require a fireproof cabinet. There were no objections.

Craig asked Ed if he had an arrangement with David Guttadauro to take sand from the town sand pile. On several occasions David's employee has been seen loading sand into the sand spreader of David's truck, sand is being loaded by David's tractor. Ed explained that a few years back there was a decision that residents could take sand from the pile to put on resident driveways, the stipulation being they could charge for the application of the sand but not the sand.

The next meeting is March 10th in the Old School House.

Mail reviewed. Selectmen signed intent to cut for Map 6, Lot 3A (Dugas)

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sonricker
Admin. Asst.