

Town of Brookfield
267 Wentworth Road
Brookfield, NH 03872

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2009

Attendance: Craig Evans and Ernie Brown (Absent: Clifton Camp)

Staff: Ed Nason CEO, Marilou Maclean Treasurer, Janet Murfey Planning Board Chair, Brad Williamson Emergency Management Director, Doug Vanderpool Forest Fire Warden & Jennifer Sonricker Admin. Assistant

Public in attendance: 2

Reporter: Heather Terragni

The meeting was called to order by Craig Evans, acting Chairman, at 6:30 p.m. Doug Vanderpool led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October 13, 2009 meeting reviewed.

MOTION: Ernie moved to accept the minutes from October 13, 2009 as submitted, seconded by Craig. A vote was taken, all in favor. Motion Carries.

Public Comments:

No public Comments

Report of Town Officials:

Treasurer Marilou presented checks to be signed and reported that quarterly payroll tax reports are complete and will be paid at the end of the week. The Selectmen provided an update on next year's budget; the first budget workshop has been held, they are approximately 2/3 through the budget. Another budget workshop should be held within the next 10 days; public hearings will follow. Jim Murfey requested a YTD report of expenses through August be provided to all departments

Road Committee Brad reported. The committee met last week, it does not look like enough money will be left in this year's budget to complete Eaton Road project so this project will be a priority in 2010 The committee is working on 2010 budget figures.

CEO/Road Agent Ed had nothing to report from CEO department. He provided an update on the Salt Barn; great progress is being made, completion expected in a week. Planned work on Lyford Road is expected to begin November 2nd, original plans have changed, he is going to try and complete the project without closing the road. Grading of hill on Tumbledown Dick Road is planned for tomorrow.

Status of additional road signs for intersection of Clark & Lyford Road requested. Ed explained the signs are ready for pickup in Concord, due to the size they cannot be delivered. He will try to pick them up next week. Ernie offered to pick the signs up if necessary.

Removal of berm on Lyford Road discussed, the berm is located on Geary Ciccarone's property. Ed requested obtaining written permission from the owner before removing the berm.

Planning Board Janet provided an update. The 2010 Planning Board budget is the same as this year's budget. Two lines have been over expended this year; legal and administration. They have decided to cancel the November 9th meeting to keep costs down. A budget committee has been formed, chaired by Tom Whelton.

**Forest Fire
Warden**

Doug reported the Forestry truck will be taken out of service for the season at the end of the month, it will be stored in the fire safety building in Union.

Old Business

Avitar Contract – Postponed till the next meeting so Clifton will be present.

Ron Jenkins timber cut request – Ernie contacted a local bank and explained the proposal discussed at the last Selectmen’s meeting, the bank agreed. Peter Kasperzek a private forester would be contacted to determine value of timber, Ron is agreeable to this.

New Business

Walking Town Boundaries – Initiated from a call by the Town of Wakefield’s Town Manager the Selectmen discussed walking the town boundaries with abutting towns. Upon completion a letter from the towns needs to be signed and sent to the state indicating there are no infringements. The Selectmen will continue to look into this.

Video Taping Public Meetings – Craig explained that given Clifton’s absence no decision would be made this evening. The Selectmen discussed this idea with the public. There are still a lot of unknowns including costs and complexities. One public comment was raised over the possible reluctance of the public to speak if being videotaped. Archival of tapes discussed, the town would not be willing to take over this responsibility. Information about costs and unknowns will be gathered and discussed at future meetings.

Electronic Town Newsletter/Email List – Email distribution list for town related business discussed. An email sign up would be used to create a distribution list. Possibility of providing town newsletter in this same manner also suggested. After brief discussion it was decided distributing newsletters electronically presented too many issues, but there is support for creating a distribution list for providing other town related data. The board will continue to discuss this at future meetings.

Wolfeboro Park and Recreation/Fee charged to Brookfield Residents – Several residents have questioned the Selectmen about the non-resident fee charged to children participating in programs offered through the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department. Ernie will speak with the Wolfeboro Town Manager regarding this concern.

Mail Reviewed.

Letter regarding resignation of John Bowker from Trustee of the Trust Funds read. The Selectmen are waiting a letter from the Chair of the Trustees of the Trust Funds naming a replacement.

No new business before the board meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting is November 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sonricker
Administrative Assistant