

TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD of SELECTMEN

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Minutes Board of Selectmen Monday, October 15, 2012

Selectmen Clarence Farwell, Darrell Philpot, Jack Flanagan and John Carr were present along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

Also present were Ann Somers, Loring Webster, Helen Ballou and Betty Hall.

Safety Complex - Police Addition

Peter Cook reported that we are behind schedule by a day or two because of the weather. Tad reported on the cost of Builders Risk Insurance for the police addition. The cost for \$1,000 deductible from Oct. 15th to May 15th is \$2,496 and \$2,500 deductible is \$2,348. Darrell moved, seconded by Jack to go with the \$1,000 deductible and pay the \$1,069 for this year from the insurance budget which will exceed the line item by approximately \$600. Voted yes 4-0.

Minutes

Darrell moved, seconded by Jack to approve the public session minutes of October 1st. Voted yes 4-0. John moved, seconded by Jack to approve the 2 sets of non-public session minutes of October 1^{st} . Voted ves 4-0.

Warrants

The selectmen signed Warrant # 55 in the amount of \$716,078.82 and payroll in the amount of \$46,920.61.

Corev Hill Rd

The six homeowners on Corey Hill Road petitioned for the selectmen to have Corey Hill Road accepted as a public road. Mary Passamonte asked the procedure for the town to accept the road. She said there are safety issues. Jim Treacy said he's lived on Corey Hill Road for 29 years. It's a dirt road and there are 6 homes on the road. He said the brook fills in on both sides with sand and said he's probably shoveled out 40 tons of sand from his driveway. Jim said it was promised that when the last house was built, the road would be turned over to the town. He said it's time for the town to take over the road or see that it's properly maintained. It was noted that Corey Hill Road is a private road owned by Clarence Farwell. Clarence said he offered to turn over the road to the town in the 1980s but the selectmen declined. Jesse Mendenhall also requested that the town accept the road. It was agreed that Tad will do more research on the road.

Proposed 2013 Budgets

Finance Committee members Rick Pocklington, Linda Chomiak and Dennis Skey were present.

Health Agencies – Ann Webb presented a tentative proposed budget of \$22,857.

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<u>Public Welfare – Ann Webb</u> presented a proposed budget of \$22,000. Ann said she hopes the Food Pantry can move into the town hall once the police department moves out.

<u>Revaluation of Property</u> – Peter Cook presented a proposed budget of \$76,722. \$62,000 is for a full update on property values.

<u>Highways, Streets & Bridges – Jerry Farwell</u> presented a proposed budget of \$648,850 and said he may be able to reduce the snow plowing and sanding line items at town meeting depending on the winter we have. The Selectmen asked Jerry about Corey Hill Road. Jerry said it's a dirt road that requires maintenance. There was discussion about including \$25,000 for new sidewalks. A decision was deferred until later in the budget process.

<u>Sanitation</u> – Jerry Farwell presented a tentative budget of \$244,915. He said he doesn't expect an increase in the SRLD line item.

<u>Patriotic Purposes</u> – The proposed budget is tentatively set at \$5,650. Jerry Farwell said he would not do the fireworks next July 4th. He said the estimate would be \$10,000, less if it's not held on the 4th. **Tad** will solicit bids for budgeting purposes.

Health Insurance

Tad said the 2013 rates for health insurance have been received from the LGC. The rate for non union employees is up 13.9% and the increase for union employees is 8.3%. **Darrell** said we need to look at other health insurance plans. **Tad** said we will be getting a credit next August of approximately \$8,500 but we need to be with LGC in order to receive it. **Tad** will look at other options.

Annex Roof

We have two estimates for the annex roof ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Tad said we need to decide the plan for the building. Clarence suggested he patch the roof until the police department moves and a decision is made on the use of the building.

Copier

Clarence signed the 60 month lease for the copier at \$156.65 per month.

Selectmen

Jack suggested we change back to three selectmen now that we have a town administrator. **Darrell** said it's working with 5 selectmen. **Tad** said he prefers 5 for the variety of opinions and experience.

Gen. Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Clarence L, Farwell

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Darrell Philpot