



**TOWN OF
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BOARD of SELECTMEN

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*Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, July 30, 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, Keith Thompson, Dennis Skey, Rick Pocklington, Helen Ballou and Lynne Abt.

Mason Road

Ann asked if the town can paint the yellow line on Mason Road. **Tad** said the state said yes but they would want an agreement so we wouldn't paint passing lines where they shouldn't be. Tad will check on the cost of the paint.

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Darrell moved, seconded by John to approve the July 23rd minutes. Voted yes 3-0; Jack abstained.

Warrant

The Selectmen approved Warrant # 44 in the amount of \$1,665,047.35.

2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Darrell moved, seconded by John to sign the 2012 Brookline Hazard Mitigation Plan. Voted yes 4-0.

Mixed Use Grant Agreement

Tad noted that as part of the Grant Agreement the town needs to keep track of all hours, including volunteer hours spent on creating a Mixed Use Ordinance. It was agreed this would be a planning board responsibility. The Selectmen agreed to wait until next Monday to sign the Agreement.

Brookline Website

Tad said he checked the warrant article to set up the Cable Fund to see if we can use those funds to set up a website. We cannot as the fund was set up for cable access only. We can use other funds this year or wait until next year's budget. **Tad** said he received information from Virtual Towns & Schools for setting up a town website using the Drupal content management software. The up front cost is \$3,995 which they agreed could be spread over 2 or 3 years. The site could be up and running this year for about \$1,700. The ongoing annual cost would be \$1,995. **Lynne** said she believes Dave Partridge will still be involved with the website. **Dennis** said Drupal is easy to work with. **Tad** said he would talk to Dave to confirm his ability to keep updating the current website for the balance of the year.

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Finance Committee

Finance Committee member **Rick Pocklington** sent an email expressing concern over the lack of enforcement of the purchasing policy as it relates to the \$60,000 warrant article to start rebuilding Hood Road. **Darrell** said the selectmen can waive the policy. He said it will be a “design build” project and waived the additional cost for engineered plans. **Dennis** said we have more than one contractor in town. He thought the purchasing policy was to let other vendors in town bid on work. He said this project would be a good opportunity to have competitive bids in town. **Dennis** said the engineering plans have to be approved by the state. **Tad** said the state does not have to approve any plans; they are looking at it as a driveway permit. **Rick** said he’s concerned that there are no detailed plans. **Darrell** said the town has specifications for upgrading roads and the town engineer will inspect and accept the road. **Jack** said he would be okay with bidding out just paving roads. He said the town went out of its way to include other contractors with the police addition to the safety complex by holding a job fair. **Ann** asked for clarification on the road agent’s responsibilities. **Darrell** said the road agent maintains town roads, including upgrading dirt roads, typically with “design build”. Subdivision roads are built by the developer and inspected by the town engineer.

Max Cohen Memorial Grove

Dave Partridge sent an email questioning who could make the Grove a no smoking zone. **Jack** said he would have no problem restricting smoking to the parking lot. **John** said there should be no smoking on the beach. **Darrell** agreed. **Keith** suggested it be part of the membership rules. **Carol Farwell** said she hasn’t had any complaints. If anyone complains, they are asked to go away from the beach. **Dave** said he would like there to be no smoking on the beach. **Tad** was asked to work on a policy for next week.

Old Home Days

Rich Vertullo was present. He said the carnival will run from Thursday night, August 16th through Sunday, the 19th. Brookstock will be Friday from 7 pm to 11 pm and Saturday from 11 am to 11 pm. There will be a horseshoe tournament, softball and events for kids on Sunday. There will be a police presence Friday night and Saturday. **Tad** said he checked with LGC and permitting alcohol at Brookstock can present liability issues. If someone is drinking and has an accident after they leave the event, we’re not covered. **LGC** does not have a policy we can purchase for the event. **Darrell** said we have 3 options: let it ride for this year, get insurance, or enforce the no drinking on town property. **Rich** said there’s got to be some precedent in other towns. **Chief Quigley** said there will be a police officer at the carnival and at Brookstock. **Lynne** said in years past, they have had transportation available. **Tad** said in 1989 town counsel asked the town to adopt a no drinking rule on town property. **Rich** asked if we can check how other towns address the issue. **Jack** said he would call insurance agents he knows about event coverage and check with the state on a one day license. **John** suggested that we not advertise “byob”. **Clarence** said Stratham has a big event annually. **Tad** will check with other towns. He said a nearby town was told no drinking on town property so it was held on private property. There was a fatal accident after the event and a firefighter was permanently injured. There was a lawsuit and the town had to defend itself but was found not guilty in part because the event was not held on town property.

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Non Public Session

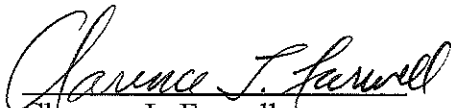
Clarence moved, seconded by John to go into non public session under RSA 91:3, II (e) litigation.
Voted yes 4-0.


On returning to public session, *Clarence moved, seconded by John to seal the minutes. Voted yes 4-0.*


Gen. Business


Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.


Clarence L. Farwell


Jack B. Flanagan


Darrell Philpot


John J. Carr