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*Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, December 26, 2012*

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

Non Public Session

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) (land acquisition). Voted yes 4-0.

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

Present were Ann Somers, Henry Anthony, Maurice Marshall and Mark Swank.
The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Jack moved, seconded by John to approve the December 10th public session minutes. Voted yes 3-0; Karl abstained.

John moved, seconded by Jack to approve the 2 sets of non public session minutes of December 10th. Voted yes 3-0; Karl abstained.

Warrants

The Selectmen approved Warrant # 68 in the amount of \$93,049.13; payroll in the amount of \$50,313.86, sick time payroll in the amount of \$17,544.88 and the first warrant of 2013 in the amount of \$760,880.42.

Safety Complex Bond

Tad brought up the \$9,000 for bond counsel and \$5,459.58 for legal expenses relating to the bond for the addition of the police station. **John** said if we have the money we should pay it out of this year's town funds, not the bond. *Jack moved, seconded by John to take the bond fee and legal counsel fee out of the 2012 operating budget. Voted yes 3-1; Clarence voting no.*

Brookline Event Center

Ron & Kathy Pelletier were present. **Ron** asked for a letter from the selectmen that the town has no objection to Ron getting a liquor license instead of his having a third party come in for functions held at the Brookline Event Center. He said that there will be no difference on the functions that are now held at the Center *Karl moved, seconded by Jack to authorize Clarence to sign a letter that the town doesn't object to a liquor license being issued to Brookline Auction Gallery LLC aka Brookline Event Center and supports their continuing to provide entertainment. Voted yes 4-0.*

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SVKC Donation

Mark Swank of the Souhegan Valley Karate Club presented a check to the town in the amount of \$1,000 to offset heating costs for use of the upper town hall and \$1,000 for an AED for the town hall. The only stipulation is that a plaque be placed on the AED. *Jack moved, seconded by Karl to accept the donation with thanks and will place a plaque on the AED. Voted yes 4-0.*

Public Hearing – Street Numbering Ordinance

Clarence read the notice for the Brookline Town Ordinance Street Naming & Numbering System and opened the Public Hearing at 7:00. Emergency Management Director **Wes Whittier** explained that the original ordinance was adopted in 1995. He said that this is necessary in order for emergency services to locate residences during an emergency. The Ordinance requires that at least 3" reflective numbers be placed on mail boxes, posts or houses. **Jack** recommended that an announcement be sent through the Code Red System. *John moved, seconded by Jack to adopt the Brookline Town Ordinance Street Naming & Numbering System. Voted yes 4-0.* The Public Hearing closed at 7:15.

Snow Plowing into Roadways

Clarence read the notice to remind the public that it is illegal to plow, snow blow or shovel snow across any and all Town roads.

Town Roads

Road Agent **Jerry Farwell** said he used 16 yards of salt on town roads during a recent storm. The cost is \$125/yard. He said the Town of Mason built a salt shed. Jerry said the concerns are safety, cost effectiveness and environmental. **Henry** said he's concerned with future road agents abusing the use of the salt. **Jerry** suggested a salt shed be put at the transfer station. The total cost is about \$15,000. He suggested we try it this year and look at adopting a policy on salt use. **Buddy** questioned whether there are other environmental friendly products. He said he'd rather Jerry get the salt in Milford than store it in Brookline. The selectmen agreed to have Jerry purchase the covering and cement blocks that will go around the structure at approximately \$6,000.

Transfer Station

Tad presented proposed changes to the Transfer Station Rules of Operation based on the decision at the last meeting on commercial haulers. **John** said he didn't have a problem with commercial haulers as long as the town doesn't incur more costs, i.e. needing more personnel at the transfer station. **Mark Delage** of MDs Trash Removal said he had no intention of buying out Jared Fait of his business. Mark said it's very difficult to get 100% recycling. **Jerry Farwell** said he's against any commercial haulers going to the transfer station. **Maurice** agreed saying it can't be controlled effectively. It was noted that MDs has about 180 customers in Brookline and Fait has 20-25. *Karl moved to accept the amended Rules of Operation as written that any commercial haulers will be required to have a written agreement with the Board of Selectmen. There was no second to the motion. Karl moved, seconded by John to accept the amended Rules of Operation that no commercial haulers will be allowed to bring their trash to the transfer station. Voted yes 3-0; Jack abstained.*

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2013 Proposed Budget

Tad said the proposed budget is an increase of \$155,000 over the 2012 budget and we are projected to under spend the 2012 budget by around \$400,000. **Karl** questioned paying additional payments on the fire truck lease. The selectmen said to leave the proposed budget as it is.

2012 Budget

The fire and police department submitted notice that they will exceed some line items but will be within the bottom line of their budgets. ***Jack moved, seconded by John to allow the overages in the line items but not to exceed the bottom lines of their budgets. Voted yes 4-0.***

Deputy Treasurer

Tad recommended that Bob Rochford be appointed as Deputy Treasurer. He met with Russ Heinselman for three hours and Russ supports the appointment. The selectmen will make the appointment at their next meeting.

Cost of Living Increase

Tad said the difference between a 2% increase and 1 ¾% increase is about \$2,200 for non union employees. ***Jack moved, seconded by John to provide 2% increases for 2013. Voted yes 3-0; Karl abstained.***

Septage Agreement

The Selectmen signed the new 5 year Septage Agreement with the Town of Merrimack.

Town Hall Streams

Karl moved, seconded by Jack to authorize Clarence to sign the Agreement with Town Hall Streams at a cost of \$250 per month for one year as long as they add the fiscal funding clause to the Agreement. Voted yes 4-0.

July 4th Fireworks

The Selectmen agreed to include \$7,000 in the 2013 budget for the July fireworks to pay volunteers or contract with Atlas Fireworks.

Vacation Carry Over

Karl moved, seconded by Jack to allow vacation carry over to the following: Patricia Howard-Barnett, Grace LaBombard, Maurice Marshall, Don Gagnon, Scott Knowles, Valerie Maurer, Polly Duprez, Tad Putney and Wes Whittier. Vacation carry over will be reviewed with employees during performance evaluations. Voted yes 4-0.

Performance Evaluations

The existing Performance Evaluation forms will be used for employee self evaluations.

Non Public Session

Clarence moved, seconded by Karl to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) (hiring) and (e) (pending litigation). Voted yes 4-1.

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

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Gen. Business

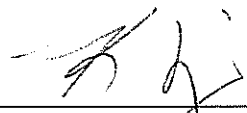
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Clarence L. Farwell



Jack B. Flanagan



Karl D. Dowling



John J. Carr