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## TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD of SELECTMEN

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## Minutes Board of Selectmen Monday, December 10, 2012

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

Also present were Keith Thompson, Buddy Dougherty, Ann Somers, Phil Chandler, Ben Chandler, and Laura Flanagan.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Conservation Commission**

Buddy Dougherty said the Conservation Commission is applying for a recreational trails grant for the section of trail just north of Scabbard Mill Brook Road. No matching funds are required. The town will need to provide approximately \$3,000 worth of volunteer time as the town's match. Buddy asked for a letter of support from the selectmen by December 14<sup>th</sup>. *Jack moved, seconded by Darrell to authorize Clarence to sign a letter of support for the Brookline Trail Reconstruction Project at no financial cost to the town. Voted yes* 4-0.

#### Minutes

Darrell moved, seconded by John to approve the public session minutes of November 26<sup>th</sup>. Voted yes 4-0.

Darrell moved, seconded by John to approve the 3 sets of non public session minutes of November 26<sup>th</sup>. Voted yes 4-0.

#### Warrant

The selectmen approved Warrant # 65 in the amount of \$751,316.20 and payroll in the amount of \$48,510.54.

#### Road Bonds

## Ames Road, Phase 3

Jack moved, seconded by John to approve a construction bond in the amount of \$67,000 for the construction of Ames Road, Phase 3. Voted yes 4-0.

## Ames Road, Phase 2

Jack moved, seconded by John to accept Ames Road, Phase 2 as complete and a maintenance bond in the amount of \$22,450 until the summer of 2014. Voted yes 4-0.

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## Wildwood Drive, Phase One, Canney Hill Woods

Darrell moved, seconded by John to accept Phase One of Wildwood Drive as complete and a maintenance bond in the amount of \$34,721 until the summer of 2014. Voted yes 3-1; Jack abstained. Phil Chandler asked about the road deed. He was told to have his attorney send the deed to town counsel for review.

#### **Finance Committee**

It was noted that Rick Pocklington is resigning as a member of the finance committee as of January 14, 2013. Anyone interested in being appointed until March 2013 Town Meeting should contact the town hall.

#### **Transfer Station**

Jared Fait was present to say he received a letter that he wasn't allowed to bring trash to the transfer station as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. He said he picks up trash for a few residents in town. Clarence asked Jared's age. He is 17 years old and is trying to earn money for college. Darrell said the selectmen had another commercial hauler in. The other towns in the SRLD have stopped commercial haulers from bringing their trash to their transfer stations. Jack said there is no way to limit it to Brookline trash. Jared said he could limit his customers to 5 bags and submit a list of his customers. John asked if he ever brought trash from out of town. Jared said he did once for his economics teacher from Milford. He said he had a problem with his being called a commercial hauler. Keith Micavich said the selectmen could require someone to only operate in Brookline. Hank Anthony said it should be ample if Jared supplies a list of his customers. Darrell said MDs was going to do the same thing. Ben Chandler said when he was on the Board of Selectmen 18-20 years ago, they allowed it and the hauler provided a list of his customers. He said it's a good thing for a local kid to remove trash for residents. Jared said he has 21 customers. It was noted that Mark of MDs went to Jared and asked to buy his client list. Linda Chomiak said it's a neighbor helping neighbor. Buddy Dougherty asked if his customers recycle. Jared said a couple of them don't but he encourages it. Jack said he'd like to meet with Tad to work on a solution. John Monachelli said he's doing a service for the residents and keeping 20 plus cars out of the transfer station. Darrell moved, seconded by John to stay the implementation of the policy banning commercial haulers until the next selectmen's meeting on December 26th. Voted yes 4-0.

## **Proposed Budgets**

Finance Committee members **Rick Pocklington and Linda Chomiak** were present. **Tad** presented a summary of the current proposed 2013 town budget and said that 80% of this year's operating budget was spent through November. As it stands right now, the increase would be 2.8% for the operating budget. **Darrell** said if we decrease the highway budget by \$110,000, the budget will be flat. **Linda** asked for the difference between a 1.75% and 2% increase for non union employees. **Tad** said with the reimbursement from LGC on health insurance that we will receive in 2013, LGC will be the least expensive of 3 quotes he received. The Board agreed to use LGC for health insurance in 2013.

## Police Dept.

## **Vacation Hours**

Darrell moved, seconded by John to approve the carry over of vacation hours for Sgt. Barnett, Officers Hervieux and Todisco and Donna Matheson. Voted yes 4-0.

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Chief Quigley submitted a request to waive the purchasing policy requirement to obtain three bids in order to purchase new guns for the department. With the trade-in credits of the existing guns, the total purchase price will be \$2,158. The Board asked that he obtain three quotes.

## Video Retention Policy

Darrell moved, seconded by John to adopt the Meeting Video Retention Policy. Voted yes 4-0.

## December 24th

The selectmen agreed to close the office at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Non Public Session**

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) (hiring). 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 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Clarence II. Farwell

Jack B. Flanagan

Darrell Philpot

John J. Carr