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TOWN OF BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

BOARD of SELECTMEN

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Minutes Board of Selectmen Monday, November 26, 2012

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

Also present were Peter Cook, Linda Chomiak, Ann Somers, Loring Webster and Maurice Marshall.

Safety Complex Police Addition

Peter Cook said there were no problems with the construction of the addition. He said they have two items that were not included in the bidding process: the electronic key system and a camera surveillance system. The Committee received three quotes and each vendor submitted a quote for both systems. Since the combined quotes were close to \$30,000 Peter asked if he had followed the purchasing policy. Darrell said yes as the quotes were separate requests and each was under \$20,000. Peter suggested that the selectmen take a walk through of the addition in the latter half of January before the finish work begins. The selectmen agreed. Darrell asked about the drug forfeiture money and whether some of that money can be used in the building. Peter said he would check on it. Jack asked where they will get the \$30,000. Peter said it would come from the contingency.

Minutes

Karl moved, seconded by John to approve the public session minutes of November 13th. Voted yes 5-0.

Darrell moved, seconded by Jack to approve the non public session minutes of November 13th. Voted yes 5-0.

Warrants

The Selectmen approved Warrant # 61 in the amount of \$1,259,824.38, regular payroll in the amount of \$50,991.73, fire payroll in the amount of \$23,418.44 and payroll for annual stipends in the amount of \$25, 250.

Meetings

Tad said that this meeting is being live streamed on the internet using townhallstreams.com and that the meetings will be archived on the site as well. He will come up with a retention policy document for the next meeting. Jack moved, seconded by Darrell to retain copies of the meetings for 90 days unless there is a request from the public to retain it longer with a maximum of one year. Voted yes 5-0.

Building Permits

Tad said building inspector Paul Harvey approached him about whether he should collect building fees from Bingham Lumber to rebuild after the fire. He said the total costs are estimated to be about \$6,400 in permit fees. Darrell said the fees would be covered by insurance and should be collected. Clarence

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said he was not in favor of charging the fees. **Jack** suggested we stay the amount until we know what insurance covers. **Darrell** said the discussion should be continued in non public session. The selectmen agreed.

Transfer Station & Commercial Haulers

Tad said the Souhegan Regional Landfill District (SRLD) allows for commercial haulers in the four towns. The question is whether we want to allow it. Jerry Farwell said Hollis has shut down commercial haulers. He said we shouldn't allow it. There's no way to monitor it and we've had trouble in the past with MD's. Maurice Marshall agreed we shouldn't allow commercial haulers. Darrell moved, seconded by John that commercial haulers are not allowed to use the Brookline Transfer Station for the disposal of trash collected from other residences or businesses into the trash compactors, effective January 1, 2013. Karl said that by doing this we're discouraging people from making a living in Brookline. The vote was yes 3-1; Karl voted no and Jack abstained.

Melendy Pond

Tad said the question has come up on Melendy Pond leases not being renewed beyond their current terms. Peter Webb said town meeting delegated the Melendy Pond Authority to oversee the leases on Melendy Pond land. Peter Cook said the last lease expires on March 20, 2032. P. Webb said they've spent \$12,000 and \$9,000 to remove two buildings that were vacated. The Authority decided to divide demolition costs with the balance of the leases which averages approximately \$1,000 per year for the leases. P. Cook said there have been several studies on what to do with the land. John Eriquezzo, President of the Melendy Pond Association, questions the Melendy Pond Authority. He feels there are shenanigans going on and they need to be investigated. He said people aren't taking care of the properties since they don't know what will happen when their lease expires. Randy Haight said about 5 years ago the study committee looked at how many lots could be created from the leased lots. He said because of the frontage needed it would be about 11 lots and cost between \$700,000 and \$800,000 for roads. Darrell said another town meeting can change the 2002 vote. P. Cook said there was another study committee in 2008. Marcia Farwell said it's difficult for people to sell their buildings when the lease increases to \$1,000 with a new lease. Tom LaRochelle noted that Melendy Pond was originally created for recreational use. Darrell said 11 residences would bring in more than \$1,000.000 in taxes. He said there's not enough time to get information together for town meeting this year, but encouraged the tenants to put together a plan to take to town meeting in 2014.

Policies

Darrell said there are still some policies we need to adopt, such as credit card use. Tad said he would check into it.

Appointment Policy

Jack moved, seconded by John to accept the revised Appointment Policy. Voted yes 5-0.

TE Sidewalk Project

Tad submitted updated cost estimates for the TE Sidewalk Project based on the Final Engineering Study. An additional \$33,972 of town funds may be needed, but the corresponding federal monies are not likely available. We can either raise more funds or reduce the amount of sidewalk we build next year. The Selectmen will discuss it at the next meeting.

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Road Bonds

Hutchinson Hill Estates (Phase 2, Ames Road)

On the recommendation of the planning board and town engineer Dennis LaBombard *Darrell moved*, seconded by Jack to accept the recommendation for the renewal of the construction bond in the amount of \$22,450. Voted yes 5-0.

Hutchinson Hill Estates (Hutchinson Hill Road)

The planning board recommended the renewal of the construction bond in the amount of \$51,000 for the upgrade of Hutchinson Hill Road. Town Engineer Dennis LaBombard recommended that the bond be increased to \$70,000 due to increased costs. The original amount of \$51,000 was based on the number of lots times \$1,500 per lot for off-site improvements. The \$51,000 was to cover the base coat of Hutchinson Hill Road up to the turnaround and upgrade of the fire hole on lot C-10-2. *Jack moved, seconded by Karl to accept the renewal of the construction bond in the amount of \$51,000. Voted yes 5-0.*

Hutchinson Hill Estates (Phase 3, Ames Road)

The developer (Glendale Homes Inc) has requested a bond amount be set so he can draw building permits on lots D-1-29 through D-1-34 (6 lots). Road engineer Dennis LaBombard recommends a construction bond in the amount of \$67,000. The issue is that the planning board doesn't meet until December 20th and Glendale wanted permits before that date. The Board declined to act prior to receiving a recommendation from the Planning Board.

Non Public Session

Clarence moved, seconded by John to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (b) hiring and (c) reputation. Voted yes 5-0.

On returning to public session Clarence moved, seconded by Darrell to seal the minutes. Voted yes 5-0.

Gen. Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Clarence L. Farwell

Darrell Philpot

Karl D. Dowling

John J. Carr