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*Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, August 8, 2011*

Selectmen Tad Putney, Clarence Farwell, Jack Flanagan, Darrell Philpot and Karl Dowling were present.

Present were Helen Ballou, Pat Lynch, Ann Somers, Loring Webster, Chris Adams and Hattie Bernstein.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Flannery – 16 Cleveland Hill Rd

Tad announced that four of the selectmen met with Robert Flannery's niece and attorney to look at the property at 16 Cleveland Hill Rd (approximately 2.9 acres). Mr. Flannery bequeathed the property to the Town of Brookline on his passing. Tad said probably nothing would happen with the property before town meeting.

Minutes

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to approve the public session minutes of August 1st. Voted yes 3-0; Darrell and Karl abstained.

Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the 3 sets of non public session minutes of August 1st. Voted yes 3-0; Darrell and Karl abstained.

Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to unseal the minutes of August 1st relating to a planning board meeting on Workforce Housing. Voted yes 3-0; Darrell and Karl abstained.

Warrants

The selectmen approved Warrant #43 in the amount of \$38,260.04 and payroll in the amount of \$39,344.33.

Police – Union

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to rescind the limitation of police personnel working no more than 24 hours in any 48 hour period. Voted yes 5-0.

This addresses the grievance filed by the union. Therefore, it's expected the union will withdraw the grievance.

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to provide the police chief with the discretion to monitor and approve any out of town work details for police personnel. Police details will not be limited solely to towns that border Brookline, but will not be permitted unless or until said town has a signed mutual aid agreement with the Town of Brookline. Brookline police cruisers will not be used for any police details in towns that do not directly border Brookline. Voted yes 5-0.

Winterberry Road

Attorney Drescher has provided the necessary road and easement deeds in order for the town to accept Winterberry Road. Rena will contact the owner to get signatures.

Charter Franchise Agreement

Tad asked Darrell if he addressed his questions regarding the Cable Franchise Agreement to Rosie Rosenberg and Chris St. George. **Darrell** said he hadn't but will talk to them before next Monday.

Road Agent

Tad said the road agent recommends signing the Policy on the Road Agent each year after town meeting. The selectmen will discuss it with Jerry next Monday.

Facilities Study Committee

Tad said Chief Quigley is looking at reducing the size of the proposed police facility by 1,000 sf. **Jack** said he is checking with Congressman Bass on the availability of stimulus money.

NH Retirement System

Tad noted that we received notification that the employer rates that were raised for July 1st are being reduced as of August 1st.

Cross Rd/Rte. 130

Tom Roache of NRPC received the copy of the letter the selectmen sent to the DOT regarding the Cross Rd/Rte. 130 intersection. Tim will follow up with the DOT.

2012 Proposed Budgets

Tad asked for input on what we should ask of department heads for the 2012 proposed budgets. **Darrell** said of the monthly reports the selectmen get, they don't get an estimate of completion and what the department heads expect to spend by the end of the year. **Jack** said it's assumed they will spend it all. After some discussion, it was agreed to ask the department heads of the 4 largest budgets: Police, Fire, Highways and Sanitation to come in next week for a discussion. **Dennis Skey** said Pembroke saved 20% on redoing their recycling program. He asked why the selectmen don't meet with the school board since the schools are 80% of the tax rate. **Tad** said they are a totally separate entity but will contact them about attending their meeting.

Policies

Darrell will bring his proposed Anti Fraud and Purchasing Policies in for review next week.

Board of Selectmen Tasks

Tad submitted a list of tasks for 2011-2012. **Karl** said he had nothing to report on taping and rebroadcasting selectmen's meetings. **Darrell** said he had nothing to report on planning board and capital improvement committees as he didn't attend the last meeting. **Jack** said he would like to contact the Hollis Selectmen and invite one of them to attend a meeting to discuss their addition of a Town Administrator so we may learn from their experience.

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RSA 91-A

Jack said he had a discussion with Darrell about RSA 91-A regarding disclosing non public session minutes and the sealing of minutes with a 2/3 majority vote. He apologized to Darrell and said the law contradicts itself. Jack said he's talked to Sen. Luther and he will introduce legislation to correct it.

Non Public Session

Tad moved, seconded by Clarence to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 2, I (a) (collective bargaining) and RSA 91-A: 3, (a) (dismissal, promotion, etc). Voted yes 5-0.

On returning to public session, Tad said they also discussed an item under RSA 91-A: 3, II (e) (litigation). *Tad moved, seconded by Darrell to seal the minutes of all non public discussions. Voted yes 5-0.*

Gen. Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.
Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Tad Putney

Clarence L. Farwell

Jack B. Flanagan

Darrell Philpot

Karl D. Dowling