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*Minutes*  
*Board of Selectmen*  
*Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

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

Residents Dennis Skey, Chris Adams, Betty Hall, Ann Somers, Helen Ballou, Loring Webster, Alan Rosenberg, Lynn Abt and Reporter Hattie Bernstein attended the meeting.

6:30 pm – **Tad** called the meeting to order

**Discussion regarding the completion of the Safety Complex and the purchase of the Monius property, Lot H-42, 23 Main Street**

**Tad** explained that these two topics need to be addressed and see what direction the Town wants to take. Now is the right time to talk about them if we want to propose warrant articles for March 2012 Town Meeting.

**Monius Property**

**Tad** read warrant article #8 that was passed at the 2007 Town meeting: *“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Option Agreement to purchase Lot H-42 comprising approximately 15 acres of land with buildings thereon and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 as the Option Money or to take any action relative thereto. The Option Agreement calls for a purchase price of \$720,000 and the Town may exercise the Option to Buy between July 1, 2010 and December 31, 2012. Any decision to exercise the Option to Buy and raise and appropriate the funds for said purchase will occur at a future Town Meeting.”*

The purchase deadline is December 2012 and we have \$2,500 in this year’s budget to do a survey on the land to understand how much is “buildable”. **Clarence** said that we need to see how much land is really usable. Also, the existing house could be marked off and put on the market.

**Clarence** said that he would call Randy Haight, Meridian Land Services, and would report to the Board next Monday. **Darrell** said that the Board needs to figure out what options we have with the property.

**Tad** said that it may make sense for the Board to conduct a site walk and another question is to know what the property value is now versus the \$720K that the owners wanted on 2007.

**Completion of Safety Complex**

**Tad** said that the Board needs to discuss if we are going to pursue this for next March. There are some initial questions: how are we going to proceed? Are we going to reconstitute a Committee? **Jack** asked if there is any bond expiring next year. **Tad** said that there are a couple over the next two years, representing about \$130,000 in dept service.

**Jack** said that he would like to look at the original plan and ask Donna what space they need downstairs, look at what was and what is needed. **Darrell** said that we need to tie anything to the projected growth of the town. **Tad** said that the plan was based on a 20-year projection.

**Ann Somers**, Facilities Committee Member, said that the guidelines were for a growth up to 8,000 residents. The original plan for the facility was 8,000 sq/ft but it was brought back to 6,000 sq/ft.

**Clarence** said that this should be proposed to the voters. **Karl** said that he agreed with Clarence and asked if we are able to fully function with the current Police Department facility.

**Tad** said that the task about the project is beyond our weekly meetings. It is going to take time.

**Clarence** said that a new Committee should be formed to see if we need some changes. **Tad** said that he would like to know what our financial limits are. **Darrell** said that the Board should also look at the crime rate.

**Tad** said that he would draft a Committee Charter for the board to review at the next meeting.

#### **6:55 pm – Minutes**

*Jack moved to approve the May 9, 2011 regular meeting minutes as amended. Darrel seconded. Voted Yes 5-0.*

*Clarence moved to approve the May 9, 2011 non-public meetings minutes as printed and amended. Jack Seconded. Voted Yes 5-0.*

#### **Warrants**

The Board signed the \$818,899.08 regular warrant including \$426,433 for the Brookline School District and \$335,517 for the H/B Cooperative School District.

The Board signed the payroll warrant for the amount of \$36,905.26.

#### **DOT – Transportation Enhancement**

**Tad** announced that the DOT informed the Town that the town of Plymouth withdrew their application and Brookline, originally put on a reserve list, may be included into the Transportation Enhancement program for funding. Official word may come from DOT within a week.

This would allow the town to build additional sidewalks along Route 130 (from Austin road to the Safety Complex/Post Office and Elm Street to the cemetery at South Main Street).

#### **MS-5**

The Board signed the completed annual revenue and expenditure form (MS -5) which will be mailed back to the NH DRA.

#### **7:05 pm - Dennis Skey – Sunshine Website Review**

**Dennis** made a Web presentation on the Sunshine Website which was created by a group of people in order to make government more transparent.

Topics Dennis presented were: Open Government – FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) – Transparency Government – e-Government – Sunshine.org – Sunshine Review – Moving Forward and Brookline Web Cable Committee.

Dennis's presentation can be found following the link:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/view?id=dcgtzww8\\_1d3dpkmdg](https://docs.google.com/presentation/view?id=dcgtzww8_1d3dpkmdg)

Discussion between the Board and the audience followed the presentation. **Tad** recognized the efforts put together by Alan Rosenberg, Lynne Abt and Chris St. George on maintaining the Brookline Website and TV Channel access and thanked Dennis for his presentation.

**Tad** asked that a one page document be put together identifying: specific items to be added to the town website, how often they would need to be updated, who would be accountable for it and what (if any) cost was associated. The Board can then review the summary at a future meeting.

**Karl** left the meeting at 8:20 pm to join the Web/Cable Committee meeting.

**8:25 pm - N.H. Retirement System**

*Clarence moved to allow Tad to sign the attestation regarding Chief Quigley's hours. Seconded by Jack. Voted Yes 4-0.*

**Blood Drive**

**Tad** announced that a blood drive will take place on Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the Safety Complex from 1 pm to 6 pm. The blood drive is sponsored by the Brookline Women's Club and the Brookline Ambulance Service.

**4 Main Street – Former Ambulance Facility**

The Board reviewed a report from Town Engineer, Dennis LaBombard, regarding the second floor load carrying capacity and the methods to increase it. The Board opted to go ahead with 4" x 4" posts instead of adding a steel beam. **Clarence** will follow up with Dennis.

**"Triangle" on Main Street**

**Tad** said that about 2 years ago, the Garden Club contacted the Board in order to do some planting on the triangle between the town hall and the church. They have made tremendous efforts and the Board would like to commend them for making the triangle look very nice.

**Next week's meeting**

The following items will be added to the May 23, 2011 agenda:

- Discuss a Town Administrator Position
- Top coat on Winterberry Road
- Review the list of Town Bonds

**9:00 pm - Adjourn**

*Darrell moved to adjourn the meeting. Clarence seconded. Voted Yes 4-0*

Minutes submitted by Valérie Maurer

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Tad Putney

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Clarence L. Farwell

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Jack B. Flanagan

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Darrell Philpot

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Karl D. Dowling