

MINUTES OF
BROOKFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 29th, 2010

Members present: Paul Ayers, Robert Barnes, John D. Holdcraft, Gerald Johnson, Roger Lafleur, Cindy Mundell, Ian VonHold.

Members not present: Mary Beth Harrity, Tim Roughan.

Selectman Present: James Allen, Rudy Heller, Peter O'Connell

Called to order 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Ian motioned to let Selectman speak for informational only, Roger 2nd. So voted.

Article 1: Advisory Committee Invoice: Paul motioned, Roger 2nd from Tax Levy: So Voted.

Article 2: Highway Department Expense: Paul motioned, Roger 2nd, from Worcester Regional Retirement Account. Robert Barnes abstained. So Voted.

Article 3: Planning Board: Paul motioned, Roger 2nd, from Tax Levy. So Voted

Article 4: Legal Expenses Invoice: Paul motioned, Roger 2nd. So Voted

Article 5: Police Vehicle: Paul motioned, Roger 2nd, from Police Chief Salary. So Voted

Article 6: Police Full Time/Part Time Accounts: Same, voted at a previous meeting.

Article 7: Police Chief Salary: Roger motioned to pass over, Paul 2nd. So Voted

Article 8: Prouty Street Purchase: Jerry feels borrow the money, interest rates are at there lowest 1.5%. More return if money is left in Stabilization. Discussed offering less for property: Broker is saying they will not lower amount asked. House needs septic. House need new furnace. Concern about dirty dirt on property: Two tanks removed in 2000, no leak was seen, no soil samples taken. Rudy discussed a smell test. 21E Certificate not available. Paul motioned, Roger 2nd. Discussion: Dave wants a cheaper price. Rudy said he speak to sellers attorneys. Jerry polled board. Cindy yes with open discussion on floor, Dave and Robert yes with house converted to Police Department. Paul yes. Gerald yes.

Article 9: Elementary School Debt (debt excluded): Paul motioned, Roger 2nd from Stabilization. So voted.

Article 10: Tantasqua transportation assessment: Roger motioned, Paul 2nd. So voted.

Article 11: Tax Amnesty Program: No change. Voted at a previous meeting. Peter feels this should at least be put on the floor.

9:00PM Roger motioned to continue past 9:00PM, Dave 2nd. So voted

Article 11: Roger motioned to revote Article, Jerry 2nd. So voted. Roger motioned not to recommend this Article, Robert 2nd. So voted, NOT RECOMMENDED.

Article 12: Tax Title Account: Pass over. Roger motioned, Paul 2nd. So voted.

Article 13: Highway wages: \$4000 from wages, \$2000 from expense account. This is to cover the Highway Superintendent while on light duty. Paul motioned, Roger 2nd. So voted.

Article 14: Library Account: No change. Voted at previous meeting.

Article 15: Computer Maintenance Account: No Change. Voted at previous meeting.

Article 16: Unemployment Account: Roger motioned to pass over, Gerald 2nd. Discussion: Town contested this unemployment. March of 2010 person started collecting unemployment. So voted to pass over.

Article 17: Veterans: Paul motioned, Roger 2nd from Tax Levy. So voted.

Article 18: Town Hall Roof Repair: Paul motioned, Roger 2nd to pass over. So voted.

Article 19: Legal Services \$15,000 Paul motioned, Roger 2nd from Levy limit. So voted.

Article 20: Clerk II (only one position) Paul motioned, Roger 2nd. So voted.

Article 21: Funding Clerk II: Paul motioned, Roger 2nd. So voted.

Article 22: Grade and Step Increase for Administrative Assistant: \$1.50 increase. Other Departments evaluated. EMS Director, Fire Chief, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Accountant. Paul motioned, Roger 2nd. Gerry, Ian, Roger, Paul and Robert in favor, Cindy and Dave opposed.

Article 23: BOS Admin. Ass't salary: \$2086.00 from General Insurance Fund. Paul motioned, Roger 2nd. Gerry, Ian, Roger, Paul and Robert in favor, Cindy and Dave opposed. Two opposed want to wait until Annual Town Meeting.

Article 24: Stabilization and Tax Levy Roger motioned, Paul 2nd. So voted.

Article 25: \$80,000 from Stabilization for Elementary School payoff. Roger motioned, Paul 2nd. So voted.

Article 26: Right to Farm By-Law: Selectman want to pass over this Article. Paul motioned, Roger 2nd to pass over his until Annual Town Meeting. AC is not against this By-Law, just want to get more clear information on this.

Article 27: Tax Collector from appointed to elected. Roger motioned to support going to elected, Paul 2nd. Oooops. That's not what Roger and Paul wanted. Roger motioned to reconsider, Paul 2nd. So voted. Roger motioned to move question, Dave 2nd. So voted. Gerald motioned to not recommend this Article, Roger 2nd. Split vote. Gerald, Roger, Ian and Paul do not recommend this Article, Cindy, Dave and Robert recommend this Article.

10:30PM Cindy motioned to adjourn meeting, Roger 2nd. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 10.30Pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Mundell
Brookfield Advisory Committee