

MINUTES OF THE
BROOKFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2ND, 2010

Members present: Paul Ayers, Roberts Barnes, Mary Beth Harrity, John D. Holdcraft, Gerald Johnson, Cindy Mundell, and Ian VonHold.

Members not present: Roger Lafleur, Timothy Roughan.

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

Pledge of Allegiance.

Ratify minutes for:

May 26th, Aug 5th, Oct 7th. Oct. 21st and Oct. 29th

May 26th : Jerry wants copy of spread sheet. Paul motioned, Mary Beth 2nd. So voted.

Aug 5th: Paul motioned, Robert 2nd. So voted. Ian abstained he was not at that meeting.

Oct. 7th: Paul motioned, Robert 2nd. So voted.

Oct. 21st: Article #21 Error in vote with Paul in favor of this. So corrected. Paul initialed error for copy going to Selectman. Mary Beth motioned, Paul 2nd. So voted.

Oct. 29th: Mary Beth was not at this meeting, Dave was. Correct errors bring to the next meeting.

Robert asked about unemployment benefits. Jerry will check on this and get back at the next meeting.

Discussed level fund or zero base budgets. Jerry asked dept. heads this question.

Jerry wants to go to selectman's meeting to discuss options. Paul wants to level fund. Ian would like to explore the zero base. Maybe try with one or two departments to see if it would work. There's fat there that can be trimmed. Paul mentioned there wasn't much turned back. Cindy mentioned the Insurance account about \$17,000 extra. Don't single out a department see if we can get a volunteer. Dave suggest leave level funding. Mary Beth input sounds like a good idea but finding time for the department heads to do this is short. Cutting to close and having to come back for more money is not realistic. Robert says with the economy is cuts will be needed. Mary Beth said give the departments the question if you had to cut spending by 5% how would you do it? Jerry will let the Selectman know our views.

Mary Beth asked for updated spread sheets. Jerry will ask for them, so we have them for the next meeting. Departments have not been asked to turn in budgets yet. Jerry passed out expenditure sheets from Nov. 30th also Oct 28th.

Capitol improves. Paul motioned, Ian 2nd for Jerry to represent AC. So Voted.

629.00 invoice paid from prev. year.

Use of Town Council: All departments must check with Selectman before contacting Town Council and a form needs to be filled out.

Paul asked question. Attendance of members, is Tim able to start attending, it not can we find new member. Jerry will email Tim for his views. Roger is in same category. Jerry will speak to roger and Tim.

Next meeting 1st Thursday in January January 6th, 7:00pm at E. s.

Jerry will invite chief of police for Jan meeting

Robert motion Paul 2nd so voted. 8:19pm