

MINUTES OF THE  
**BROOKFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
(EMERGENCY MEETING)

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members present: Paul Ayers, Robert Barnes, Mary Beth Harrity, John D. Holdcraft, Gerald Johnson, Cindy Mundell and Timothy Roughan.

Members not present: Roger Lafluer and Ian VonHold

Called to order: 7:00PM  
Pledge of Allegiance.

No Video.

New Business: Address deficit spending for the Snow and Ice Account.

The account is short by \$38,397.79. Tim recommend open end spending for this account, Bob, Dave and Cindy disagree. General discussion about how Snow and Ice Account should be used. Jerry mentioned other towns are over budget also. Committee understands this has been a higher than usual snow amounts. Mary Beth questioned why this one Department (Highway) is allowed to make new equipment purchases without putting this into there budget, all other departments have to do this. Discussed maybe to set up a line for new equipment purchases. Cindy questioned why we were not aware of Wing Plow purchase, Jerry said the Selectman are the only ones who needed to know, that this committee doesn't need to be told. I asked isn't that what this committee is for, to advise Selectman on whether or not purchases are a good idea or not. Jerry said we are not a Finance Committee. Mary Beth asked why we are even here, this committee is a rubber stamp, Cindy, Bob and Dave agreed with Mary Beth. Jerry said the Selectman need our approval to deficit spend or it has to come from the reserve fund. After more discussion Tim felt that the Committee is a rubber stamp also. Paul felt that Cindy was questioning the integrity of Highway Department Superintendent. Cindy said it is the committee job to understand and know what the any Department is spending money on. We feel that new equipment purchases should not come from the Snow and Ice Account. Jerry asked the committee if we should come up with a plan on how equipment purchases should happen with this account. Paul motioned, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion. So voted by all.

Jerry, Paul Tim and Mary polled to approve \$50,000 more for Snow and Ice. Cindy, Dave and Bob wanted \$40,000. Tim motioned to approve \$45,000 to Snow and Ice Account, Mary 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion. Six (6) in favor, one (1) opposed (Robert Barnes). \$45,000 Approved.

Paul motioned to adjourn, Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Mundell  
Brookfield Advisory Committee