

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 21, 1955

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The Board organized with Mr. William E. Bolshaw as Chairman, Mr. Alton W. Noyes as Clerk, and Mr. W. Stacey Goddard as third member.

The following appointments were made for the year 1955:

Board of Registrars

John McDonough Three years

Superintendent of Streets and Highways

John A. Morrill One year

Superintendent of Moth Extermination

George Herbert One year

Fire Department Chief and Forest (Fire) Warden

C. Stuart Hall One year

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Gerry Faugno One year

Fence Viewers

Erwin L. Achilles One year

Henry B. Terry One year

Zephirin Cournoyer One year

Public Weighers

Lee Boyce One year

Claire C. Sheldon One year

Paul Gadaire One year

Measurers of Wood, Hay, Lumber, Etc.

Lee Boyce One year

Rufus Streeter One year

Richard A. Finney One year

Canine Officer

Victor Guerin One year

Supervisor of Community Playground

John Morrill One year

Soldier Burial Agent

Richard A. Finney One year

Appointments for year- continued

Director of Veterans Services

Frank Bansfield	One year
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Veterans Agent

Richard A. Finney	One year
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Chief of Police

Victor J. Guerin	One year
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Deputy Chief

Arthur A. Wentzell	One year
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Sargent

Sidney J. Bolshaw	One year
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Regular Officers

Horace L. May	One year
Prisco P. Faugno	One year
Axel E. Johnson	One year
Anthony R. Peterilli	One year
Alvin W. Brown	One year

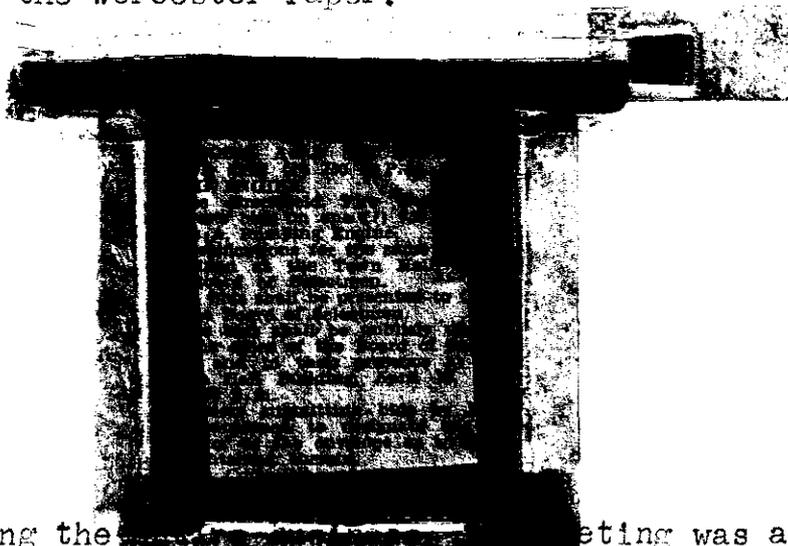
Special Officers

Lee Boyce	One year
Barker D. Keith	One year
John G. Morrill	One year
Arthur E. Walcott	One year
Zephirin Cournoyer	One year
Arthur Faugno	One year
Harold L. Mauhin	One year
Alton W. Noyes	One year
William Bolshaw	One year
Clifford Gadaire	One year
Irving Carlson	One year
Lewis Terry	One year

The appointments for the Advisory Committee were discussed, and it was tentatively agreed that Mr. Ralph Brown and Mr. Arland Noyes would be appointed for a three-year term. One additional member would be needed for a three-year term and one member for a one year term, to fill out the uncompleted term of Mr. Bailey who has left Town. It was voted to defer final decision on all four vacancies until the next meeting.

A public hearing was held on the application of Brookfield Inn, Inv. to transfer its license to the 1771 House, Inc. This was to be a transfer of the name only because of a change in the corporate status. The only people who attended the hearing were Mr. and Mrs. Spence, and they had no objection to the transfer of license as long as it did not mean a new location. In the absence of any protest, the Board voted to grant this transfer.

Mr. Stuart Hall and Mr. Charles Herbert met with the Selectmen to discuss the specifications for a new fire truck. It was agreed that we would advertise for bids in the Worcester newspaper, and that submitted bids would be publicly opened at the Selectmen's Room at 8:30 P.M. April 18, 1955. Attached is a copy of the advertisement placed in the Worcester Paper.



This being the last business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

A. W. Noyes
Clerk
Board of Selectmen

Messrs. William E. Bolshaw, W. Stacey Goddard, and Alton W. Noyes were all present.

New members to fill the vacancy in the Advisory Board were discussed. Mr. Goddard proposed the names of Mr. John Hirtle and Howard Woodward. He made motion that Mr. Howard Woodward be appointed a member for three years. The vote was taken, Mr. Goddard voting in favor of such appointment, Mr. Bolshaw and Mr. Noyes voting against. The motion was then made that Mr. Bromley Palamountain be appointed a member for three years, and he was so appointed, Mr. Bolshaw and Mr. Noyes voting in favor, Mr. Goddard against. The motion was made that Mr. Moriarty be appointed a member of the Board for one year. Mr. Moriarty was appointed, Mr. Bolshaw and Mr. Noyes voting in favor, and Mr. Goddard refraining from voting. Mr. Ralph Brown and Mr. Arland Noyes were unanimously appointed members for three years.

Mr. Morrill, our Highway Superintendent, has as one of his plans for 1955 the widening of Quaboag Lake Road at the other side of the Railroad Bridge after leaving Route 9. In order to do this, he will have to take from Mr. Leland Corbett a strip of land ten feet (10 Ft.) wide from the railroad bridge to his driveway. Mr. Corbett is willing to give us such land, but would like in return for us to erect a fence from his driveway to the Dunn Brook. The estimated cost of this fence is \$110.00, and since it is on Town property and will replace one that was erected many years ago by the Town, Mr. Bolshaw and Mr. Noyes felt this was a reasonable proposition. They voted in favor of it; Mr. Goddard voted against.

The recent windstorm has blown down the North end fence on the tennis court, and since it is impossible to play tennis without adequate back-stop, it was suggested that the Selectmen petition the Advisory Committee for \$150.00 to erect a chain metal fence. It was voted to ask for this transfer, and the clerk was instructed to write to the Advisory Committee.

The Board of Selectmen were notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works that a petition had been received by them from Mr. Roy P. Baribeault to erect a boat landing on his property at Lake Quaboag, and that a public hearing would be held on April 18th. The Board instructed the Clerk to write to the Dept. of Public Works and state that the Board had no objection to a dock being erected as long as it was well constructed and would not be objectionable in appearance.

The question came before the Board as to whether we could dispose of the old street sweeper that is in the Highway Dept. It was agreed that since this sweeper, although of little value, is the property of the Town of Brookfield we would need to have a vote of the Town to dispose of it.

The Tantasqua School Committee asked the Board of Selectmen if they might have the two basketball blackboards for erection on the school grounds for outdoor basketball. These are not the property of the Town of Brookfield, and we voted to refer this matter to the Brookfield School Committee.

Mr. Stuart Hall and Mr. Charles Herbert met with the Board to go over final specifications for the fire truck. Since the Committee had not formally organized it was voted to make Mr. Stuart Hall Chairman of the Firemen's Truck Committee. A few minor changes were made in the specifications, and Mr. Stuart Hall was instructed to send final specifications to various companies interested in bidding on the fire truck.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 P.M.



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Board of Selectmen

Mr. Wm. E. Bolshaw and Mr. W. Stacey Goddard
were present.

Bills were read and approved.

Since there was no other special business, the Meeting
was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

A. W. Hoyer

Clerk
Board of Selectmen

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 2, 1955

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Mr. Wm. E. Bolshaw and Mr. W. Stacey Goddard
were present.

Bills were read and approved.

Since there was no other special business, the Meeting
was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.



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Board of Selectmen

May 9, 1955

Messrs. Wm. E. Bolshaw, W. Stacey Goddard, and Alton W. Noyes were present.

After the completion of routine business, Mr. Stuart Hall and Mr. Charles Herbert discussed with the Board the various bids that had been received for the new fire truck. A comparison was made on the bids received from Oren Manufacturing Co., American-LaFrance, Maxin, and Mack Truck. These four were the only bids received that were within the \$15,000.00 appropriated at the last Annual Meeting. The Oren specifications on paper seemed as good, or a little better than its competitors, but a Dun & Bradstreet report for the financial condition of this company appeared to be so bad that we did not consider it wise to consider them. It was finally decided to narrow the bids down to either Maxin or American-LaFrance. Some of the members of the committee agreed to inspect both Maxin and American-LaFrance equipment during the next week, for a final decision to be reached at the next meeting on May 23.

The Board of Health came to the meeting and asked for a few minutes time to discuss a letter that they had received from the State Board of Health. This letter stated that the State Board of Health had received a complaint from a Mr. Cournoyer of this town in regards to drainage of water and refuse on his land. The State Board of Health had come to brookfield and made tests of this drainage and definitely proved, at least to their satisfaction, that there was sewerage and high bacterial content present. They requested that immediate action be taken.

A decision was reached during this discussion, and it was agreed that we would again meet with the Board of Health the following week.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 16, 1955

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Messrs. Wm. E. Bolshaw, W. Stacey Goddard, and Alton W. Noyes were present.

After completion of routine inspection of invoices, we met with the fire chief, Mr. Stuart Hall, and Charles Herbert to make final decision on the purchase of a new fire truck. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken and a decision made by a margin of three to one to purchase an American-LaFrance truck.

The Board of Health then met with the selectmen to further discuss the sewerage problem in connection with the complaint by Mr. Cournoyer to the State Board of Health. Since our last Meeting Mr. Wentzell, Chairman of the Brookfield Board, had talked personally with the State Board in Boston. He said the Board takes a very definite stand that some provision must be made for this sewerage.

It is apparent to our own Board that much of the sewerage from the homes located in most of the area from Central Street, North, is overflowing into drainage ditches in the street and then over on to the Cournoyer land. They feel that we have absolutely no chance of avoiding some sort of sewerage disposal system. Mr. Wentzell has found that there are in this State several instances where sewerage disposal has been set up on a district basis. Money is borrowed for the erection of the sewerage disposal plant, and the costs amortized over a 20 or 30 year period, being paid for solely by the residents using this system. It is the recommendation of the Brookfield Board of Health that we attempt to see if such a plant is practical for our Town.

It was agreed that the Board of Health would draw up a letter to go to all residents that they felt would be affected by such a sewerage system, and that an invitation be sent to these residents

to come to a public meeting at the Town Hall to explain current conditions and what must be done.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M.



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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 23, 1955

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Messrs. Wm. E. Bolshaw, W. Stacey Goddard, and Alton W. Noyes were present.

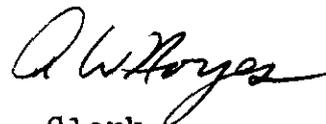
This meeting was called at the request of the Special Investigating Committee appointed at the Town Meeting in the fall of 1954 to investigate and make recommendations to the Town in regards to our grade school requirements. This Committee has just about completed their report, and wanted to go over it with the Selectmen to come to some decision as to the next steps to be taken.

The Chairman of this Committee, Mr. Clifford E. Gadaire, read the rough draft of a report they had prepared. The Selectmen found this to be very complete, and had only a few questions to ask.

It was decided that this report would be prepared in a booklet form for distribution to all the tax payers within the next two weeks, that a special town meeting would be called for Monday night, June 20; and it was left up to the Selectmen to decide what articles should be put in the warrant aside from the initial one to see the report of the School Investigating Committee.

The Selectmen voted to consider the content of this warrant and to make a final draft at the next meeting, to be held Monday, June 6.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.



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