

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL, BANQUET ROOM

MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Rudy Heller called the meeting to order at 9:25 p.m. Other members present: James Allen and Peter S. O'Connell.

The purpose of this session was to "discuss litigation if open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body" and to adjourn immediately thereafter; Mr. Heller seconded; all voted aye.

Lakeside Camping & Resort, Hobbs Avenue (a/k/a the Babbs property):

Mr. Allen reported that Mr. Ronald Couture of the Historical Commission had recently met with Native American tribal leaders who have an interest in setting up a museum on this property and he had inquired about the status of the tax title taking. Mr. Allen remembered that the Board had also met with these tribal leaders a couple of years ago.

The Board had previously decided not to expedite this tax title taking until the beginning of Fiscal Year 2010 in an attempt to make the current legal budget last through this fiscal year.

There are 26 lots, of which Mr. Babbs owns 18 or 19; all are in tax title except for one. The assessed value of this property is \$680,900. All agreed that they should take action that would give the town control over the property but not without knowing the legal costs first.

Ultimate objectives with this property could be leasing it or re-sale and/or use by Native Americans.

Mr. Allen would like to see the property back on the tax roles but agreed it would be nice to have a memorial there for the Native Americans.

Members agreed they would like to tour the property before making any final decisions. Others that should accompany the Board on this tour are: representatives of the Planning Board, Master Plan Committee, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Water Superintendent, and the Highway Superintendent. The site visit would be to explore potential uses of the property. Mr. Allen moved to authorize Mr. Heller to contact Town Counsel to find out if this would be trespassing or not before any tour is set up; Mr. O'Connell seconded; so voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:44 pm Mr. Allen moved to adjourn Executive Session; Mr. O'Connell seconded; so voted with each member voting AYE.

Immediately afterward, Mr. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. O'Connell seconded; so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Neylon, Administrative Assistant

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