

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL, SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

**MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2010**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

Chairman Rudy Heller called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Other members present: James Allen and Peter O'Connell.

**Camera Operator:** None

**Press:** None

**Public:** Peter Martell, Fire Chief; Bruce Clarke, Water Superintendent; Herb Chaffee, Highway Superintendent

The purpose of this meeting was Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Discussion.

**FY 2011 BUDGET:**

Mr. O'Connell presented to the Board the current draft of the budget which reflects all budget votes taken to date by the Selectmen.

Fire Chief, Peter Martell, was present to discuss his proposal for a change in fire department wages beginning in either FY2012 or later. After his presentation and some discussion, Mr. O'Connell moved to combine all Fire Department Wage Accounts into one line on the budget, rather than the current three; Mr. Allen seconded; so voted.

Mr. O'Connell moved to confirm the Board's prior approval of the Fire Department's budget as submitted; Mr. Allen seconded; so voted.

**CDBG-R PROJECT UPDATE:**

At this time Mr. Clarke and Mr. Chafee joined the meeting to give the Selectmen an update on the pre-construction meeting that the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Advisory Committee held yesterday. The Selectmen agreed to locate the required sign focusing on the federal funding of the project on the South end of the Common. Mr. Allen will ask permission of the landowners to use an old orchard property on the South side of Lincoln Street extension as a staging area. Alternative locations could be the Town land bordering the school driveway. Selectmen gave permission to lay out the pipe parallel to Common Street on the Common. The Selectmen were told that a full schedule shall be forthcoming next week so residents can be alerted and that the estimated start-date for the project is the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**HIGHWAY BUDGET:**

Mr. Chaffee had submitted a request to the Board to delete the line item on the budget for the repair and maintenance of private ways. After considerable discussion all agreed to make no change.

**FY 2011 BUDGET continued:**

The Board approved the following:

Assistant Town Clerk Wages	\$4,804
Town Clerk Certification	,1000
Town Clerk Expenses	3,155
Elections and Registrations Wages	10,000
Elections and Registration expenses	8,650
Board of Appeals Expenses	1,000
Municipal Gasoline	22,000
Fire Department Wages	9,409
Brush Fire Special Duty Wages	4,757
FD Expenses	26,399
FD recurring recertification/testing	3,829
FD asset repair/replacement	7,000
Parking Clerk ticket expenses	100
Tree Warden expenses	7,400
Shade Tree expenses	2,400
Highway OT/Other wages	4,529
Police Details	4,000
Highway Expenses	54,560
Tax Collector software	1,000
Sidewalks	1,000
Veterans Agent Casework	15,000
Library expenses	9,974
Library books, videos, periodicals	18,679
Recreation (combined accounts)	7,700
Historical Commission	1,125
Worcester County Retirement	141,903
General Insurance	125,000
Water Dept temporary help	1,000
Water Department expenses	41,495

**NEW CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

The Board discussed a letter just received from a resident that charged the current Town Clerk with using her title to improperly influence the outcome of the upcoming annual election. Based on Town Counsel advice, the Board took no action other than to ask the resident to re-direct her letter to the Town Clerk who should be given the opportunity to respond.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At about 4:20 pm Mr. O'Connell moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation. (Reason numbered 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body) and to return to Open Session only for the purpose of adjournment. Roll call vote: Mr. Allen voted Aye; Mr. Heller voted Aye, Mr. O'Connell voted Aye; so voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 4:40 pm, the Board returned to open session. Mr. Allen moved and Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting; so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Neylon, Administrative Assistant

Date approved by Board: \_\_\_\_\_