

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
TOWN HALL, SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

MINUTES OF August 18, 2010

SPECIAL SESSION

Chairman Rudy Heller called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Other members present: James W. Allen and Peter O'Connell was on vacation and excused.

Camera Operator: None

Press: None

Public: Michael Seery

Agenda Business:

1. CASUAL/TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

Mr. Michael Seery, Chairman of the Board of Health and Cemetery Commissioner, was present to let the Selectmen know that the Board of Health and Cemetery Commissioners had hired a new employee who would be shared. He said that he had spoken with one member of the Personnel Board who advised that the Selectmen be made aware of the new hire.

The new employee's name is Steve Chickering. He has volunteered in the past at the Transfer Station and is a former self-employed landscaper. It is the intent to use Mr. Chickering as a "fill in" at the Transfer Station and perhaps give him more hours if the expected January retirement of a current employee happens. He will get some regular hours at the Cemetery because the current employee has cut his own hours somewhat.

Mr. Seery suggested a \$10/hour salary and expects Mr. Chickering will work up to a maximum of 6 hours/week at the Cemetery and 3 at the Transfer Station. Both the Board of Health and Cemetery Commissioners have approved the hiring at recent meetings and this visit to the Selectmen is primarily an "FYI".

Transfer Station Update:

While Mr. Seery was at the meeting he proceeded to give the Selectmen an update on the recycling at the Transfer Station. They have voted to "have a single-stream recycling for a three-month trial period which will probably start this weekend." The Board believes this will be easier on the residents who recycle and hopes that this will increase our recycling volume. Mr. Seery said that a group from Town, including Selectman O'Connell, went on a field trip to the Casella recycle plant and all were impressed with the operation.

The Board of Health expects a “significant cost savings on the trash end” because the dump and return fee and compactor rental fee is much lower with Casella than with Waste Management. The Town is currently not being charged on the recycle side, just for dump and return fee as this is based on a monthly formula.

2. WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

Mr. Allen moved to sign and return the Warrant for the Tuesday, September 14, 2010 State Primary to the Town Clerk; Mr. Heller seconded; so voted.

4. SET DATE FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Board had previously discussed a tentative date of October 1, 2010 for the fall Special Town Meeting but upon review of Mr. O'Connell's memo suggesting a later date of either October 22 or 29, Mr. Allen moved to set the date and location of the Special Town Meeting to October 29, 2010 at the Town Hall and the deadline for submission of articles will be October 5, 2010 at 3:00 pm; Mr. Heller seconded; so voted.

5. ORDER OF CONDITIONS – 92 QUABOAG STREET

The Board reviewed the Order of Conditions for 92 Quaboag Street and a letter from Mr. Philip Nadeau of the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). In the letter, Mr. Nadeau, overruled the decision of the local Conservation Commission requiring a tight tank-type of septic system and authorized a raised-type claiming the Town was too restrictive. Since this is an area of annual flooding, the Board agreed to ask the Conservation Commission to appeal DEP's decision. Mr. Heller and Ms. Neylon will draft the letter to the Conservation Commission.

6. CITY OF LOWELL – HEALTH INSURANCE

The City of Lowell's letter to the Board asked Brookfield to adopt their plan as home rule and petition the legislature. This was passed over to the agenda of Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

7. UNITED NATIONS DAY

Mr. Allen moved to declare October 24, 2010 as “United Nations Day” in Brookfield; Mr. Heller seconded; so voted.

8. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Resignations – Recreation Committee:

Lisa Caron and Kristin Peterson have sent notice of their immediate resignations to the Selectmen’s office; their resignations are due to increased employment duties. Mr. Allen moved to accept the resignations with regret and send thank you letters for their service; Mr. Heller seconded; so voted.

Appointment Terms – Local Cable Access

It was learned that too many members of the Local Cable Access Committee had terms due to expire on June 30, 2013 so Mr. Allen moved to change the appointment term of Sarah Heller from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2011 and that of Kathleen Hosterman from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2012; Mr. Heller seconded; so voted.

The following is the result:

Sarah Heller	2011
Linda Baron	2011
Gerald Johnson	2012
Kathleen Hosterman	2012
Sharon Mahoney	2013
Adam Rundell	2013

Appointment – Banister Common & Mall Committee

One appointment to this committee had been overlooked. Mr. Allen moved to appoint Diane Oliver-Jensen to the Banister Common & Mall Committee, retroactive to July 1, 2010 for a term to expire on June 30, 2011; Mr. Heller seconded; so voted.

9. COMP TIME

This was passed over to the Tuesday, September 7th agenda.

Other:

10. CDBG-R PAYMENT #3

Mr. Allen moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the payment documents for Pioppi to receive their third payment; Mr. Heller seconded; so voted. Pioppi is the contractor for the Community Development Block Grant – Recover (CDBG-R) project that is underway on Common Street, Lincoln Street and Lincoln Street Extension.

11. USE OF PROGRAM INCOME ACCOUNT

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee (CDBG AC) member, Donna Neylon, told the Board that the CDBG AC was in the process of getting an estimate of the cost for final plans for two infrastructure projects (Hayden/Hyde and Draper/High) which are under consideration to be part of the Fiscal 2011 CDBG grant application. Once this number is known, the committee will come to the Board requesting funding.

12. SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

Mr. Allen said that he felt the elementary schools outside bulletin board should be used to advertise more local events. Since there was no objection, he will speak to the school principal about this.

ADJOURNMENT:

At about 10:30 am, Mr. Allen to enter into Executive Session citing Exemption #6 (given below) and to return to open Session only for the purpose of adjournment; Mr. Heller seconded; so voted with Mr. Heller voting aye; and Mr. Allen voting aye.

Exception Six - "To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if such discussions may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body and a person, firm or corporation."

At about 12:47 pm, the Board returned to Open Session; Mr. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Allen seconded; so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Neylon, Administrative Assistant

Date approved by Board: _____