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*Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, May 17th, 2010*

Selectmen Linda Saari, Clarence Farwell, Kevin Gorgoglione, Tad Putney and Jack Flanagan were present.

6:35 pm – **Linda** called the meeting to order.

Police Department – Acting Chief Mike Kurland

Mike announced that Celia was back from vacation. There is no issue with the new cruiser. **Mike** mentioned the article printed in the last Hollis-Brookline Journal about the non-public sessions. **Jack** said that the Board was offering any help possible to Mike, not micromanaging the Police Department. **Mike** said that he scheduled a Department meeting next weekend. One part-time Officer is going to work full time for the Department. He is stepping up and will be working 40 hours per week. **Linda** pointed out that he will be a part-time Officer working full time. **Mike** added that the Officer will still get the same pay rate. **Linda** said that the Officer asked to receive health benefit only for the time he will be working full time. Documents will be presented to the Union for their agreement. **Mike** said that he would like to split his Sergeant responsibilities between officers so he can concentrate on administrative duties.

Public Input

Residents David Dumas, David Russell, Ron & Diane Ahlquist, Polly Duprez and Pamela Flanagan were present to discuss problems that are occurring in their neighborhood. **Mike Kurland** also attended this part of the meeting.

There have been dirt bikes, unregistered 4-wheelers using trails coming out of Townsend State Forest, trucks shooting down West Hill Road, drunk people, burglaries, dumping of trash, etc. This is happening during day time as well as at night.

After **Clarence** asked, they said that they did not contact the Townsend Chief. **Tad** asked how many vehicles go through each day. Residents said about 20 to 30.

There is a big issue with people dumping things everywhere. **David Dumas** said that the two-third of the incidents occur during night time, mostly during the weekend.

Clarence asked Mike if he could talk to the Chief in Townsend. **Mike** said that he would. The main problem is enforcement. **Mike** said that he would try to get answers for the next Selectmen meeting.

Linda said that the Board could put a gate at the entrance of the Massachusetts State Forest. **Clarence** said that a solution would be to block the access to the trails. **Pamela Flanagan** said that another concern is the bond fires people set up; the Townsend Fire Chief should be aware if this as well. Emergency vehicles still need to have access to the area. The Board agreed that a gate would be a solution. A Resident also mentioned a Mass. plate car parked in the area and a man walking down his neighbor's driveway.

Jack said that he had no problem putting a gate there. The Board concurred.
Mike will update the Board at the next meeting.

7:05 pm - Minutes

Clarence moved to approve the May 10, 2010 regular session minutes as printed. Seconded by Jack. Voted YES 5-0.

Tad moved to approve the May 10, 2010 non-public session minutes as printed. Seconded by Jack. Voted YES 5-0.

Mail

Linda announced the following information:

- Continental Paving, Inc. is in the process of resurfacing Route 13 from the Massachusetts border to Milford.
- Brookline was not selected for the Transportation Enhancement funding but a letter from George Campbell, NH DOT, announced that the T.E. committee identified a reserve list for the next five highest scored projects, which includes Brookline.
- David Beauchamp resigned from his position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment due to family constraints. The Board thanked David for his time on the ZBA.
- The Board received an email from Susan Hodgdon, Superintendent of Schools, for an invitation to attend a day-long visioning session with the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. **Tad** offered to represent the Board and attend the May 25th, 2010 meeting.
- The Census bureau asked for all flyers related to hiring people being removed since they are no longer up-to-date.
- A memo from the Health Officer was addressed to the Recreation Commission asking them to address a few items at the Ball Park.

Nashua River Watershed Association

Mark Archambault, representing Al Futterman, attended the meeting and made a presentation on a new legislation that Congresswoman Tsongas would like to submit in order to start a study of a *Wild and Scenic River* nomination for the Nissitissit River.

Mark said that he was seeking a letter of support from the Brookline Board of Selectmen.

Linda asked if Brookline would have to pay its share for the study and implementation of the plan. The Board also questioned what the added value would be for Brookline, if property owners would be restricted, fishing limited, etc. The Board asked for clarification prior to considering writing a letter of support.

Mark said that he was not quite sure but he would look into it and would email Rena with answers to these questions.

The Board thanked Mark for his presentation.

7:30 pm – General Business

“Safe Routes to School” Sidewalks

Regarding the sidewalk bidding process and the role of Brookline Road Agent, and following a request for information from John Corrigan, DOT, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, **Tad** drafted a letter to address the issues raised by the DOT; the letter was reviewed and signed by the Board.

“Sidebar Agreement” Town of Brookline & Police Officer’s Association

Tad moved to authorize Linda to sign the Sidebar Agreement for providing health coverage for a part-time/full-time Police Officer. Seconded by Kevin. Voted YES 5-0.

Flag Pole at Town Hall

Clarence said that he put a new gold ball on top of the flag pole in front of the Town Hall. The old one was half rotten. The pole also needs to be painted which the Board agreed on doing. **Clarence** said that it would cost about \$150.

Cleaning behind the Sunoco Gas Station

Tad who is the Board’s representative on the Conservation Commission said that the BCC discussed cleaning behind the Sunoco gas station. Buddy Doherty, Chair of the BCC, contacted the correctional facility and inmates will be here on Wednesday to clean up the area. They will pile up debris that will need to be picked up. **Clarence** said that Jerry could take care of it.

Light at intersection of Cleveland Hill/Averill Roads

Clarence said that it would cost \$1,000 to install a light pole and about \$200 per year afterward. The town spends an average of \$6,000 each year for street lights.

The Board approved warrants for payment.

7:55 pm

Jack moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tad. Voted YES 5-0.

Minutes submitted by Valérie D. Maurer

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Clarence L. Farwell

Kevin J. Gorgoglione

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