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BOARD of SELECTMEN

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*Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, May 21st, 2012*

Selectmen Clarence Farwell, Darrell, Philpot Jack Flanagan, Karl Dowling and John Carr were present.

Attending the meeting: Ann Somers, Loring Webster, Helen Ballou, Loring Webster, Sue Adams, Francis (Buddy) Dougherty and Ronald Pelletier. Also present: Nancy Foster (Union Leader) and Danielle Curtis (Nashua Telegraph).

6:30 pm

Clarence called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input

Library – Trees on Parking Area

Ann Somers asked about the trees behind the library. **Clarence** said that Mr. Shutt will take them all down.

Safety Complex Building Committee – Minutes on Website

Clarence said that the Safety Complex Building Committee submitted a copy of the latest minutes dated April 12, 2012. **Ann Somers** said that she is emailing the Safety Complex Building Committee's minutes and agendas for the Selectmen to review and to make them available to the general public. She would like to find a way to have them available on the website. **Valerie** said that it could be done by creating a folder and dragging the minutes and agenda from the desktop. Ann will meet with Valerie on Tuesday or Wednesday and see how to set it up.

Community Service Project – Aletta Brown, Muscatanipus Road

Karl said that he received a letter from Aletta Brown, a 9th grade student, who has been assigned a community service project "making a difference in your community". She contacted the Selectmen back in April 2012 regarding the damage caused by the October 2011 storm. There is still cleaning that needs to be done and she asked for the Selectmen's help to clean broken branches in the woods and road (Muscatanipus Rd). **Clarence** said that the Road Agent should have received a copy of the original email. Copy of Aletta's letter will be given to Jerry Farwell so he can follow up on this.

Souhegan Regional Landfill District

Clarence said that the Board was provided with the latest minutes dated April 5, 2012. Recycling cost (transportation) is going up.

Roof at the Annex

Clarence said that there is a roof leak at the Annex. He will get a quote.

Zoning Board of Adjustment - Membership

Darrell moved to re-appoint Peter Cook as a member of the ZBA with a term to expire in March 2015. Seconded by Jack. Voted Yes 5-0.

Jack moved to re-appoint Webb Scales as a member of the ZBA with a term to expire in March 2015. Seconded by John. Voted Yes 5-0.

Warrant

The Selectmen approved and signed Warrant # 30 in the amount of \$346,879.64. The warrant includes \$300,000 for the Hollis/Brookline Co-op School District, \$20,000 for Dennis Mires, PA, \$17,244 for Brookline Library Trustees and \$5,947 for CL Farwell Construction.

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Darrell moved to approve the 2 sets of the May 14, 2012 non-public session minutes. Jack Seconded. Voted Yes 5-0

John moved to approve the May 14, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Jack seconded. Voted Yes 5-0.

Souhegan Valley Transportation collaborative

Dennie Townsend who is the Brookline Representative to the SVTC wrote to the Selectmen with an update on the proposed 2012-2013 budget. Dennie will meet with the Selectmen on Monday June 4th, 2012 to provide details on the preliminary budget and application.

Formal Criminal Complaint – Nicole Goyette Shank v/s Brookline Police Department & Town Officials

The Board explained that a complaint was filed with the New Hampshire Attorney General, requesting a criminal investigation and prosecution of some members of the Police Department and the Board of Selectmen.

Darrell has been in contact with the Local Government Center and explained that the LGC does not cover Criminal matters. After **Clarence** asked, **Darrell** said that he did not know when the complaint would be addressed. **Darrell** explained that the Attorney General just received the letter; we probably are talking about one year from now.

Buddy Dougherty asked who would be responsible for the legal fees. **Jack** said that the Board did not know the legal aspect. **Ann Somers** asked for more details. The Board said that the letter from Nicole Goyette Shank, dated May 8, 2012 and received by the Board on May 14, 2012, was published in the Nashua Telegraph. Carbon copy of the letter was sent by Ms. Goyette Shank to several parties, including the Media. After she requested it, the Board agreed on providing Nancy Foster (Union Leader) with a copy of the letter and information received from Nicole Shank..

6:50 pm – Non-Public Session

Clarence moved to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (b), Hiring of an Employee. Seconded by Jack. Voted Yes 5-0.

7:25 pm

Jack moved to resume the public session and seal the minutes of the non public session. Seconded by Karl. Voted Yes 5-0.

Clarence announced that Tad Putney has been hired as the first Brookline Town Administrator. Tad will start on June 4th, 2012. The Board and the public gave Tad a round of applause. **Nancy Foster** asked about salary and benefits. **Clarence** said that the salary would be \$63,000 for the first year plus benefits based on the current Personnel Policy; it is a “at will” agreement. After **Danielle Curtis** asked, **Clarence** explained that the Board received a total of 31 applications. “Tad was selected because he is a great guy” said **Clarence**. **Jack** added that Tad has just the experience we were looking for.

7:35 pm - Adjourn

Jack moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Voted Yes 5-0

Minutes submitted by Valérie Maurer

Clarence L. Farwell

Darrell Philpot

Jack B. Flanagan

Karl D. Dowling

John J. Carr