

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING JANUARY 6, 2009

Mrs. Walter called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 7 PM with Mr. Petraitis also present. Mr. Foyle was away on business.

I. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of December 23rd as amended, and the minutes of December 30th as written. So voted.

IA. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve school warrant #1028 for \$68,188.24. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve general warrant #1029 for \$243,708.69. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve water warrant #1030 for \$64,456.04. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve payroll warrant 314 for \$277,535.58. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mrs. Walter reviewed an e-mail from Richard Quateman of S E A Consultants regarding the Phase II Comprehensive Site Assessment (CSA) that needs to be done at the Town House. Mr. Quateman agrees with the selectmen that the town should ask DEP for an extension, and asks that the selectmen award the contract for the CSA without going out to bid. The selectmen will seek an opinion from Town Counsel on whether this is acceptable.

B. Mrs. Walter reviewed a letter from Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray asking that towns submit a list of ready-to-go capital projects that could potentially be funded by money that might be included under President-elect Obama's economic recovery bill. The town will submit four projects, the new police station, the town house restoration, the Horse Pond Dam repair, and the west side sewer rehabilitation project.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis read the December police report as submitted by Chief Thomasian. The report shows 28 incidents, 10 accidents, and 12 arrest/summons for the month. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to accept the report and place a copy on file. So voted.

B. Mrs. Walter reviewed a letter from Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission asking for input on motor vehicle accidents in North Brookfield. The letter was also sent to the police chief and highway

superintendent. The letter lists two locations in North Brookfield where several crashes have occurred, and asks if town officials agree or disagree with the locations.

C. The selectmen reviewed anticipated spending reports from the Water Department, the Board of Health, and the Collector. Mrs. Walter will follow up with the department heads.

D. Mr. Petraitis noted that the generator has been moved from the town house to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at the elementary school. The move was accomplished with the donation of labor and materials by several individuals, but the cost to hook up the generator to propane is \$1,200. Mrs. Walter noted that Sergeant Blood and his North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency demonstrated that all of their training has been worthwhile during the ice storm. She noted that this EOC has great value to the town, and the funding will happen as soon as possible.

E. Mrs. Walter referenced a letter from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) asking that the selectmen and finance committee "clarify their expectations for funding recommendations from the CIPC for FY2010." Mrs. Walter asked that this be put on a future meeting for discussion.

Brandon Avery was present to ask the selectmen about an energy grant that the town will be receiving. He asked why the high school was listed in the newspaper as a building that will receive funds, but not the elementary school. Mrs. Walter stated that no projects have been selected yet. The CIPC has the elementary school window project on its list to begin in 2009 and continue over the next 4 years.

At 7:35 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to go off-camera to sign bills. So voted.

The selectmen signed the bi-weekly bills and payrolls.

At 8 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant