

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Mrs. Walter called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM in the Senior Center 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 January 27, 2009 as written. So voted.

IA. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve School Warrant #1033 for \$70,640.58. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve Fire Truck Warrant #1034 for \$480,000.00. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve General Warrant #1035 for \$438,126.25. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve payroll warrant #16 for \$304,330.60. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis read an announcement from the Friends of the Playground Committee Scholarship Fund regarding their Valentine's spaghetti supper and dance to be held this Saturday night at the American Legion. Tickets are \$8.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis read a memo from Town Clerk Sheila Buzzell announcing the annual town election to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The last day to file nomination papers with the clerk is March 16<sup>th</sup>, and the last day to register to vote is April 14<sup>th</sup>.

B. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to notify the Department of Revenue (DOR) that the Town of North Brookfield declared a state of emergency on December 12, 2008 due to a severe ice storm, and that the Board of Selectmen has voted to request in the case of this natural disaster to make expenditures without appropriation to cover storm damage costs as permitted by MGL Chapter 44, Section 31, and as described in the DOR Bulletin 2009-01B. So voted.

C. Mrs. Walter explained that the town has the option of borrowing money to cover the unexpected costs of the December ice storm that may not be reimbursed by FEMA. If the town decides to do this, the DOR will need to be notified as soon as possible, in order to set up a hearing with the state's

Emergency Finance Board. This will be discussed again when Mr. Foyle and other town finance officials can be present.

D. The selectmen signed a letter to the North Brookfield Emergency Squad clarifying the intention of the selectmen to have the squad reimburse the town for ½ of the heating and electrical costs of operating the fire station.

E. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to appoint Adam Witowski, Anne Adams, and Suzanne Lewandowski to the NBEMA. So voted.

F. The selectmen reviewed two anticipated spending reports, one from the Conservation Commission, and one from the Board of Assessors. The Conservation Commission wanted permission to send three members to the annual conference at a cost of \$95 each. Because they do not have enough money in their budget for this, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the attendance of two members only. So voted.

The Board of Assessors requested funds to begin the upcoming revaluation process. The assessors had requested \$4,500 at the fall town meeting but were not funded. They have approximately \$1,500 in expenses that they could transfer to the revaluation account, but still need \$3,000. This request will be referred to the Finance Committee for a transfer from the Reserve Fund.

At 7:40 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton  
Administrative Assistant