

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 28, 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 April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> as written. So voted.

IA. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve school warrant #1049 for \$94,039.51. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve general warrant #1048 for \$246,493.59. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve payroll warrant #22 for \$284,143.50. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis read a letter from Police Chief Thomasian asking for \$3,500 from the Holden Hospital Fund for FY2010. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to table the request pending review of all Holden Hospital fund requests for 2010, as there may be less money available for 2010 due to the decline in investment earnings. So voted.

B. Mrs. Walter read an announcement from the Town Clerk that absentee ballots are now available for people who will be unable to vote in person at the May 4<sup>th</sup> town election.

C. Mr. Petraitis reviewed an e-mail from the Friends of the Haston Free Public Library announcing their town-wide yard sale to be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost to be included on the official map is \$10.

D. Mrs. Walter noted that last Saturday was the annual town-wide cleanup day, sponsored by North Brookfield Decorates. Mrs. Walter offered thanks to Julie McCarthy and North Brookfield Decorates for this great community event. Mrs. Walter also thanked Pat Kiritsy and the Board of Health, and Gary Jean and the Highway Department for all of their assistance.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mrs. Walter asked that members of the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency come forward while she presented the 2008 Annual Town Report to Emergency Director Sergeant Doug Blood. Mrs. Walter read from the dedication, which recognizes the tremendous efforts of NBEMA in the wake of

the December 11, 2008 ice storm. On behalf of the selectmen, Mrs. Walter thanked the group for all of their hard work.

B. Mr. Petraitis read a letter from the Board of Water Commissioners asking for approval to have a municipal wind site survey conducted on Bell Hill. Mrs. Walter explained that the survey will be conducted by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative at no charge to the town. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to support the survey. So voted.

C. Mr. Petraitis read an announcement regarding the upcoming candidates' night on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The event will be held at the Senior Center at 7 PM, and all of the candidates whose names will appear on the May 4<sup>th</sup> ballot have been invited.

Emergency Management Director Doug Blood informed the selectmen and residents that the town is taking steps to address the current outbreak of swine flu, should an epidemic strike in North Brookfield. Sergeant Blood noted that North Brookfield High School is the regional dispensing site for the four Brookfields. Town officials are keeping updated on the situation with conference calls from the state's Department of Public Health.

Gary McComas of NBEMA noted that the precautions recommended to protect yourself against the flu "are the same things your mother told you," wash your hands, use a tissue, etc. Mr. McComas also noted that there is a lot of information online through the Department of Public Health, or the World Health Organization, or the Center for Disease Control.

Mrs. Walter thanked Sergeant Blood and Mr. McComas for the information.

At 7:30 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton  
Administrative Assistant