

## MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2009

Vice-chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Senior Center with Mr. Filipkowski also present. Mr. Petraitis was out of town.

I. Mr. Filipkowski moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2009 as written. So voted.

Mrs. Walter asked that approval of the September 29<sup>th</sup> minutes be deferred until next week.

Mr. Filipkowski moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve and release all executive session minutes relating to contract negotiations with Police Chief Thomasian dating from May 26, 2009 through September 22, 2009. So voted.

### II. OLD BUSINESS

A. On the subject of the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with town officials to discuss the Anticipated Spending and Encumbrance reports, Mr. Filipkowski noted that he feels the meeting was beneficial to both sides; the town officials got to hear once again what the selectmen and finance committee are trying to accomplish, and the selectmen and finance committee got to hear the concerns of the people who are actually doing the reports.

Mrs. Walter stated that the discussion on the condition of the state budget was a wake-up call for everyone. It is almost definite that there will be cuts in local aid again this year.

Mr. Filipkowski noted that the selectmen continue to strive for no cuts in services in spite of the budget reductions.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Filipkowski reviewed a letter from the Board of Water Commissioners in which they state that there will be absolutely no fishing allowed at the Horse Pond reservoir, also known as North Pond. DEP conducted a Sanitary Survey of the Water Department in May, and the department was cited for allowing fishing at a public surface water source. The water department has ordered "No fishing – Police Take Notice" signs, and copied the letter to the police department.

B. Mrs. Walter advised that there will be a public hearing this Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM in the Senior Center regarding a grant application to EPA for funding to clean up contaminated soil at the rear of the town house. Mrs. Walter noted that public support is critical to the application process.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Filipkowski announced that the town will be holding a tax title auction of 9 properties on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the library.

B. Mrs. Walter announced that the town will be sponsoring a flu clinic on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Senior Center. Mrs. Walter encouraged all high-risk person to attend.

C. Mr. Filipkowski announced that the retirement party for Sergeant Doug Blood will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Spencer Country Inn. Tickets are \$35.

D. Mrs. Walter announced the Halloween schedule for October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a parade at 4 PM from the school to the Fire Station, and then trick-or-treat from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Mr. Filipkowski noted that members of the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency will be out in the neighborhoods to help ensure the safety of the children.

E. Mrs. Walter noted that the Playground Committee is sponsoring a movie night on the common this Saturday at 6:30 PM. The movie will be the Wizard of Oz, and the rain date is Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, Mr. Filipkowski moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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