

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING JANUARY 25, 2011

Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Senior Center with Mr. Chabot and Mr. Petraitis also present.

I. Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the January 4, 2011 Executive Session minutes as amended. So voted.

Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the January 11, 2011 minutes as amended. So voted.

Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the January 20, 2011 minutes as written. So voted.

Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the January 20, 2011 Executive Session minutes as written. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Scott Charpentier of Lenard Engineering was present to ask the Selectmen to approve Change Order #3 for the Horse Pond Dam project. (Attachment #1) The total amount of this change order is \$5,750.00 and will be taken from the budgeted contingency funds. Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve and sign Change Order #3. So voted.

Water Superintendent Steve Jones asked if the Selectmen would be reviewing and approving all change orders for this project. Mr. Charpentier noted that between himself and the USDA there is a lot of monitoring of construction changes already. The Selectmen stated that they would like to see all of the change orders, but that Mr. Jones could sign off on minor construction changes.

B. Mrs. Walter proposed that each member of the Board of Selectmen be supplied with a town "@northbrookfield.net" e-mail address so that e-mails regarding Town business wouldn't be going to and from personal e-mail accounts. Mr. Chabot and Mr. Petraitis agreed that this would be a good idea.

Mr. Petraitis read a newspaper article from the Worcester Telegram and Gazette about the Wales Board of Selectmen sending a letter to their legislators opposing tuition breaks for illegal immigrants. (Attachment #2) Last week Mr.

Petratis had proposed that the North Brookfield Selectmen send a similar letter. Mr. Petratis presented a draft letter to be sent to Senator Brewer and Representative Gobi. (Attachment #3) Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Petratis seconded, a motion to approve and sign the letters. So voted.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mr. Petratis announced that the Annual Town Election will be held on May 2nd. Town Clerk Sheila Buzzell has announced that nomination papers are now available, and must be returned by March 14th. The last day to register to vote is Tuesday, April 12th. Mrs. Walter announced that she would be seeking re-election.

B. Mr. Chabot announced that there will be a Valentine's Spaghetti Supper and Dance on Saturday, February 12th at the Legion Hall at 5:30, with dancing to follow at 7 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the North Brookfield Playground Scholarship Fund.

C. Mr. Chabot noted that although there were no donations received this week, work is progressing on the Town Clock. Jeff Samuelson has applied the first coat of resin to the molds. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation or donate a vehicle should contact either Mr. Chabot or the Selectmen's office.

D. Mrs. Walter announced that youth baseball and softball signups will be held at the elementary school on Saturday January 15th, Saturday January 22nd, and Saturday January 29th.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Mrs. Walter noted that the Selectmen will continue to look into doing a speed study on South Main Street.

At 7:23 PM Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Petratis seconded, a motion to enter Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the Town's negotiating position. Roll call: Water, yes; Chabot, yes; Petratis, yes. So voted. Mrs. Walter announced that the Board would exit Executive Session only to adjourn.

At 8:35 PM the Board came out of Executive Session. Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Petratis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
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