

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MAY 21, 2013**

Chairman Walter called the meeting to order in the Senior Center with Mr. Smith and Mr. Chabot also present. Mrs. Walter offered the Board's sympathies on the recent tornados in Oklahoma, and reminded those in attendance that the meeting would be both audio and video taped.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2013
APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2013**

Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to approve the aforementioned minutes. So voted.

**IA. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL WARRANT #1063 FOR \$120,042.71
APPROVAL OF GENERAL WARRANT #1064 FOR \$154,632.08
APPROVAL OF PAYROLL WARRANT #24 FOR \$289,158.55**

Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to approve the aforementioned warrants. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. REVIEW ARTICLES FOR JUNE 21ST SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Board reviewed the articles requested for the June 21st Special Town Meeting. (Available in the Selectmen's office) Mrs. Walter noted that although the request was not going on the warrant, she did not want the Board to lose sight of the Fire Department request for turnout gear. The Selectmen will sign the final warrant on June 4th.

B. FY14 BUDGET UPDATE

Mrs. Walter noted that she would like to pass over this item because there is no change from the Finance Committee's update at the last meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. RURAL 11 MEETING

Trish Settles and Vera Kolios of Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) were present to discuss the "Rural 11" project. This project is to prioritize each town's goals, and advise the state government of the priorities of local towns. Ms. Settles explained that this group of 11 small rural towns were the towns that were left

after surveys of the metro-west towns, the Blackstone Valley towns, and the 13 larger towns surrounding Worcester were completed.

Ms. Settles and Mrs. Walter both noted that there was a very good crowd of town officials and residents who attended the previous community forum on the subject. Ms. Settles presented a draft list of priorities that came from that forum. (Attachment #1) Mrs. Walter asked that the aquifer for the Five Mile River watershed be added to the map. Ms. Settles reported that there are approximately 79 farms and related businesses in North Brookfield.

Ms. Kolios noted that there will be a regional meeting on June 26th at the New Braintree Town Hall where the final priorities for each town will be presented, and the final report to the state will be done by December 31st.

The Selectmen thanked the women for their time.

B. CERTIFICATION OF TOWN'S PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

Mrs. Walter reviewed a letter from FEMA announcing that the Town's pre-disaster mitigation plan has been approved. (Attachment #2) The plan was submitted by CMRPC as part of the Central Massachusetts region-wide plan. Mrs. Walter noted that having this approved plan makes the Town eligible to apply for grant funding. An engineer has estimated the cost to address stormwater problems in the Little Canada section of North Brookfield to be \$2 - \$4 million. At the June 21st Special Town Meeting there will be an article asking for money to pay for the initial engineering necessary to apply for hazard mitigation grant funds.

C. APRIL POLICE REPORT

Mr. Chabot reviewed the police report for the month of April as submitted by Chief Aram Thomasian, Jr. (Available in the Selectmen's office) The Chief reported 25 incidents and 38 arrest/summons for the month. Mr. Chabot moved, and Mr. Smith seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

D. TRANSFER REQUESTS

Mrs. Walter reviewed two transfer requests, the first from the Sewer Department to transfer \$4,112.98 from the interest account of the WWTP #1 loan to the interest account for the Little Canada loan. The second request was from the Planning Board to transfer \$100.00 from zoning change expenses to the clerk salary account. (Attachments #3) Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to approve both requests. So voted.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

Mr. Smith reviewed the schedule for Monday's Memorial Day program as outlined in a press release from James Foyle. (Attachment #4)

B. TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Mrs. Walter reminded everyone that the annual Town Wide Yard Sale, sponsored by the PTO, will be held on Saturday, May 25th. There is no rain date, and maps will be available in front of the Town House and across the street beginning at 7 AM.

C. "WARD HOLLOW" DOCUMENTARY TO DEBUT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Mr. Chabot announced that the documentary "Ward Hollow" will debut at the Elementary School auditorium on Saturday, May 25th at 2 PM. The film was created by North Brookfield resident Tyler Nickerson, and is an historical look at Oliver Ward, and early settler in North Brookfield and the pioneer of North Brookfield's shoe industry.

D. DOG LICENSE REMINDER

Mr. Smith reminded residents that dog licenses are now due, there will be a \$5 late charge after June 1st, and a \$25 late fee after September 1st.

E. LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT JUNE 25TH SPECIAL ELECTION

The last day to register to vote at the June 25th Special Election will be Wednesday, June 5th from 9 AM to 8 PM in the Town Clerk's office.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ROAD MATERIALS AND FUEL BIDS

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Walter asked to have a review of the 2007 Department of Revenue Financial Management Report on the June 4th agenda.

Mrs. Walter noted that the MOU for a net metering agreement is currently with Town Counsel.

Mrs. Walter asked Mr. Smith and Mr. Chabot to review their copies of appointments to be done in June for any changes they would like to make.

There being no further business, at 8:25 PM Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant