

## **MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING DECEMBER 31, 2012**

Chairman Petraitis called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's office at 215 North Main Street at 9:04 AM with Mrs. Walter also present. Mr. Chabot was not in attendance.

### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2012 APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2012**

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the aforementioned minutes. So voted.

#### **IA. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL WARRANT #1033 FOR \$94,251.60 APPROVAL OF WATER WARRANT #1034 FOR \$44,449.10 APPROVAL OF GENERAL WARRANT #1035 FOR \$229,052.43 APPROVAL OF PAYROLL WARRANT #14 FOR \$293,477.95**

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to approve the aforementioned warrants. So voted.

### **IB. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no one present for the Public Comment Period.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. SIGN PILOT AGREEMENT WITH SOLVENTERRA, LLC AND BROOKFIELD ORCHARDS, LLC**

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to sign the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement among the Town, Brookfield Orchards, and Solventerra, LLC. (Available in the Selectmen's office) This agreement has been approved by Town Counsel, and was approved by Town Meeting back in October. So voted and signed.

### **B. ANDREW LOEW OF PVPC RE: REGIONAL HOUSING REHABILITATION APPLICATION**

Mr. Andrew Loew from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) was present to speak to the Selectmen about the Town's application for CDBG funding. Mr. Loew apologized for the confusion regarding an ad for a Public Hearing on January 14<sup>th</sup> in Spencer for the application. According to Mr. Loew, a colleague of his placed the ad before consulting with him, and he was unable to inform the North Brookfield Selectmen beforehand. Mr. Loew stated that originally there was discussion about North Brookfield submitting a three-part application consisting of a design project, a planning project, and

a housing rehabilitation project in conjunction with Hardwick. However North Brookfield's "needs score" was lower this year, making it necessary to partner with a Town with a better needs score, and the Town of Hardwick wanted to go forward with their own application. The Town of Spencer was looking to partner with another Town on their application, and their needs score is better than North Brookfield's. In addition, Spencer has a larger population, which will increase the odds of a successful application. In response to a question, Mr. Loew stated that it will be a joint application between the two towns, with each Town applying for its own planning project and the joint housing rehabilitation project.

Mrs. Walter pointed out that Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) recently gave North Brookfield a grant for the Town House, and she also sits on the CMRPC Executive Committee. She is in a difficult position trying to justify using PVPC instead of CMRPC. In addition, the Board of Selectmen has not been informed about the application with Spencer.

Mr. Loew asked if the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) could reschedule their next meeting in order to meet before the January 14<sup>th</sup> public hearing in Spencer. He suggested that the CDAC meet on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM to discuss the grant application and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Walter said that she would like to attend that meeting. Since Mr. Petraitis is the ex-officio Selectmen's representative, it was agreed to post a Selectmen's meeting at the same time.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **A. PUBLIC HEARING IN SPENCER RE: CDBG APPLICATION**

#### **B. HANNAFORD IS DONATING ALL JANUARY KIOSK DONATIONS TO NORTH BROOKFIELD HEARTS FOR HEAT**

#### **C. HEARTS FOR HEAT ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND MOVIE NIGHT TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Because the meeting was not broadcast or taped, and there were no visitors, the Selectmen did not read these announcements.

**V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. APPOINTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Mrs. Walter explained that the Planning Board will be sending a letter about this soon.

There being no further business, at 9:35 AM Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton  
Administrative Assistant