

## MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING APRIL 24, 2012

Chairman Walter called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 7:05 PM with Mr. Petraitis and Mr. Chabot also present.

I. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2012 as written. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Session minutes as written. So voted.

Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2012 as written. So voted.

IA. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to approve School Warrant #1054 for \$58,500.30, General Warrant #1055 for \$153,138.36, and Payroll Warrant #22 for \$269,636.64. So voted.

IB. There was no one present for the Public Comment Period.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis noted that every year around this time the Board of Selectmen presents the Annual Town Report to the person to whom the report is dedicated. This year's report is dedicated to John Ingemi, lifelong resident, barber shop owner, and coordinator of the Town's Memorial Day festivities for over thirty years. The Selectmen presented the report to Mr. Ingemi and his wife Theresa. Also present were many of the Ingemi's children and grandchildren.

### II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mrs. Walter noted that the Board of Selectmen previously received the final report of the Quabaug Building Study Committee, and discussion on that report is now open. (Available in the Selectmen's office) Mr. Petraitis stated that the study committee did a fantastic job, but before the Selectmen reach a conclusion, he would like to have the Board meet with representatives from Quabaug to discuss the committee's recommendations. Mrs. Walter stated that she is not opposed to discussing the report with Quabaug, and Mr. Chabot indicated that he would like to speak with Quabaug representatives as well. Mr. Petraitis agreed to contact Quabaug and set up a meeting.

B. Mrs. Walter stated that today the Selectmen received a letter from the Town of Warren withdrawing from the Human Resources Intermunicipal

Agreement. Kopelman and Paige will have to determine the next actions to be taken in response to this.

Mrs. Walter discussed the Highway Equipment Sharing project being undertaken by several towns. The group has received a grant for \$58,000.00 to pay for a project coordinator and purchase a sign-making machine. Mrs. Walter stated that she personally does not see how this project would benefit North Brookfield, as North Brookfield owns most of the equipment that the other towns want to borrow. Highway Superintendent Gary Jean had previously discussed his reservations about the project as well.

As far as taking the lead with the regional Selectmen's group, Mrs. Walter explained that the duties of the chairmanship have not been clearly defined yet. She will continue on doing what she has always done, which is organizing the agendas and seeing the HR IMA through to fruition.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

B. The Selectmen reviewed the warrant for the May 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Election and the May 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting. (Available in the Selectmen's office) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to approve, sign, and post the warrant. So voted and signed.

C. The Selectmen reviewed the warrant for the May 11<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting. (Available in the Selectmen's office) Mrs. Walter noted that article requests that can be done with internal transfers have been removed. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to approve, sign and post the warrant. So voted.

D. Mr. Petraitis read an e-mail from Julie McCarthy asking for a liquor license for the Senior Center's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance on May 18<sup>th</sup>. (Attachment #1) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to approve the permit. So voted.

E. Mr. Chabot read a letter from Chuck Winn of MIIA, the town's insurer, offering a 2.7% decrease in premiums for FY13. (Attachment #2) Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Chabot moved, a motion to approve the renewal. So voted.

F. Mr. Petraitis read a letter from Craig Barton of Quabaug Corporation thanking the North Brookfield Fire Department for their assistance at a fire in the production facility on April 18<sup>th</sup>. (Attachment #3) Mr. Barton writes that "Chief Gannon and his tem responded to the call both quickly and effectively." Mrs. Walter offered the Board's congratulations to the Fire Department. It was agreed to forward the letter to Chief Gannon.

G. Mrs. Walter reviewed the police report for the month of March as submitted by Chief Thomasian. (Attachment #4) The Chief reported 29 incidents and 17 arrest/summons for the month. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

H. Mr. Chabot reviewed the Fire Department report for the month of March as submitted by Chief Gannon. (Attachment #5) Chief Gannon reported that 3 outside fires and 3 car accidents were responded to, and 81 burning permits issued.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mrs. Walter reminded residents that there will be a Special Town Meeting on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the proposed building renovation project at Bay Path Vocational School.

B. Mrs. Walter read the list of positions open on various Town boards and committees. (Attachment #6) Anyone interested should contact the Selectmen's office.

C. Mr. Petraitis reviewed the schedule of events for the Town's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (Attachment #7) Mrs. Walter noted that the Boy Scouts will be doing a boundary perambulation as a special project.

D. Mr. Petraitis announced that volunteers are needed to work on the various anniversary activities.

E. Mrs. Walter announced that the Water Department will be flushing hydrants from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>.

F. Mr. Petraitis announced that there will be an informational meeting about the Bay Path project on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Bay Path Vocational School in Charlton.

G. Mrs. Walter announced that burning permits are still available until the end of the month at the Fire Station on Saturday or Sunday mornings from 8 AM to noon.

H. Mr. Chabot announced that there will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 11 AM at the Second Chance Animal Shelter. The Town Clerk will be available to sell dog licenses as well.

I. Mr. Petraitis announced that Earth Day activities have been cancelled for this year, but the North Brookfield Decorates committee asks that residents

make a concerted effort to pick up trash on their own streets and dispose of it correctly at the landfill.

J. Mrs. Walter announced that tickets are available for the Senior Center's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person.

## V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Mrs. Walter noted that the Selectmen have received information on a Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan that was submitted to FEMA by CMRPC, and information regarding the Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and the possibility that the Town can apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to address flooding in certain areas of Town. She asked that the Selectmen review the information for discussion at a future meeting.

Mr. Chabot thanked everyone for their good wishes and prayers while he was ill.

Mr. Chabot also noted that the railroad project is not done, we are still waiting for final approval from the STB in Washington D. C. He said that there is still progress being made behind the scenes.

Mr. Petraitis noted that the principal of the North Brookfield Holding Company is not a member of the North Brookfield Railroad Company's Board of Directors; he is only leasing the railroad property.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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