

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
January 13, 2009

Attendance: Ernie Brown, Craig Evans and Clifton Camp
Staff: Jennifer Sonricker Administrative Assistant
Reporter: Heather Terragni
Number of the audience in attendance: 5

The meeting convened and was called to order by Ernie Brown at 6:30 p.m. Ernie led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from December 9, 2008 meeting reviewed.

MOTION: Clifton made a motion to accept the minutes from December 9, 2008 as written, seconded by Craig. A vote was taken; all in favor, motion carries.

Public

Comments No public comments.

Admin. Asst. Nothing to report.

Assessor Clerk N/A

Tax Collector N/A

**Forest Fire
Warden** N/A

Treasurer Dan was not present but Ernie reported 2008 figures are not finalized yet but we finished the year in the black.

**Trustees of
The Trust
Funds** N/A

Town Clerk N/A

**Emergency
Mgmt.
Director** N/A

CEO N/A

Road Agent N/A

Moderator N/A

Planning Board Janet reported the planning board has three zoning amendments ready for public hearing: detached accessory dwelling units, small wind energy amendment, and a wood lot amendment. Two public meetings are scheduled and have been posted in the Fosters Daily Democrat. Ernie reminded them of deadlines regarding zoning amendments; the deadline is January 23rd to post amendment and February 3rd is the last day to hold public hearing.

Clifton reported the planning board has signed off the Map 15, Lot 5/Fluckiger subdivision plat.

Craig commented that the January 5, 2009 meeting was not posted. He reminded all planning board members present; all meetings outside the normal schedule need to be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Archivist Nothing to report

**Conservation
Commission**

Sang Curtis submitted two warrant articles on behalf of the conservation commission. The first article is to see if the town will vote to establish a conservation fund account as authorized by RSA 36-A:5, with the fund to be held by the municipal treasures (RSA 41:29). The second article is to see if the town will vote to deposit 100% (with a cap of \$5,000) of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. Sang also distributed a paper describing the warrant articles and key benefits. She explained that Article 2 is similar to the warrant article presented at last year's town meeting with a few modifications. After distributing the warrant article Sang discovered the \$5,000 cap wording was missing she went home to retype the warrant article and would return before the end of the meeting.

**Cable
Committee**

N/A

**Parks &
Playground**

N/A

GWRSB

Ernie reported that on January 31st the school board would present 2009 proposed budget and presentation on proposed high school solution at the Kingswood High School.

Road

**Agricultural
Commission**

Janet reported that the Ag. Commission held there regularly scheduled January meeting but did not have a quorum.

Other

Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for January 27th at 6:30 PM. The regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting will follow the budget hearing.

February 3rd is the last day to submit petition warrant articles that do not deal with zoning changes.

Those wishing to sign up for public office should contact Virginia between January 21st – 30th.

Old Business

Generator discussed; buyer that was lined up fell through. The selectmen discussed priced reduction and decided to drop the price to \$1,000. Craig will lower the price on the bulletin board; if it is not sold in a few weeks he will list the generator on craigslist.

Clifton feels we should not drop the price lower than \$1,000, he feels it is worth keeping for an emergency if the price goes any lower.

Recent ZBA decision regarding Jim & Janet Murfey discussed. Ernie had asked the ZBA for a better explanation on the decision; he has not received a response.

New town mailbox discussed. Ernie reported the new mailbox has not been installed yet, he has made arrangements for the post office to hold all mail till the new box is installed. A suggestion was made to find another contractor to install the box; Ernie wanted to stay with Ciccaronne to ensure the mailbox matches the interior.

Special Event Permit has been sent to Town Attorney Susan Slack for review.

New Business

Craig presented three proposed warrant articles regarding the establishment of a Heritage Commission. Article 1 - to see if the Town will vote to establish a Brookfield Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674, or take any other action relating thereto. Article 2 - to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, and to appoint up to five additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action related thereto. Article 3; to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to carry out the purposes of the Heritage Commission, and to establish a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:44 a-d. The whole or any part of money so appropriated in any year and any gifts of money received pursuant to RSA 674:44-b shall be placed in a heritage fund and allowed to accumulate from year to year. Money may be expended from such fund by the Heritage Commission for its purposes without further approval of the Town Meeting (RSA 674:44-d, 1). Craig is looking for Selectmen approval to put the three articles on warrant for town meeting in March.

Moose Mountain Recreation discussed. Clifton reported the lodge is open for snowmobilers. There was an ad in last week's paper mentioning open for breakfast Saturday & Sunday. Clifton is going to look into whether all health permits have been obtained.

Town sand/salt pile discussed, there was a question whether the sand/salt mix is available for use by taxpayers. Clifton explained that the mixed sand/salt pile is available to town taxpayers, there is a limit of two 5-gallon buckets of sand at a time, and it is intended for residential taxpayer driveways. Taxpayers are not allowed to take straight salt.

Minutes posted to the web discussed. The selectmen agreed that approved minutes from all boards should be posted on the website.

Craig suggested holding a Valentine Breakfast at the Town House on Saturday February 14th. The brunch will be open to the public. Instead of traditional pancake breakfast this breakfast would be French toast.

Two letters were received from Claire Donahue & Judy Brenner co-chairs of the Brookfield Craft Fair. The first letter reported that 14 crafters had tables at the December fair and the proceeds were \$426.93, which was given to the Brookfield Scholastic Recognition award fund. The second letter reported that Claire & Judy have decided to step down of chairs of the event. They are willing to go over duties with anyone interested in taking over. Please contact Claire or Judy if interested.

Sang presented revised warrant article including the \$5,000 cap. The Selectmen discussed the warrant articles in great detail. There were concerns over taking money from the land use change tax, this money currently goes into the reserve fund and is used

to buy down the tax rate. Discussion over amount of land already conserved in town occurred. Sang was asked what the plans for the conservation fund money are? She replied one use would be to help people offset the cost of putting land into conservation. In the end the feeling was this should be presented to the voters to decide.

MOTION: Craig made a motion to vote to have 1st article presented by Sang Curtis on behalf of the Conservation Commission put on warrant in March, seconded by Clifton. A vote was taken, all in favor. Motion Carries.

MOTION: Craig made a motion to vote to have 2nd article presented by Sang Curtis on behalf of the Conservation Commission put on the warrant in March, seconded by Clifton. Brief discussion ensued. A vote was taken, all in favor. Motion carries.

MOTION: Craig made a motion to combined 1st & 2nd articles presented regarding creation of Heritage Commission and appointment of members and to have this article put on warrant in March, seconded by Clifton. A vote was taken, all in favor. Motion Carries.

MOTION: Craig made a motion to put 3rd article presented regarding Heritage Commission fund on the warrant in March, seconded by Clifton. A vote was taken, all in favor. Motion Carries.

Jim Murfey reported the Gafney Library has been fully automated. He explained that the barcode software was funded solely by Wakefield at a fee of \$17,000.

Mail reviewed.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sonricker
Admin. Asst.