

**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES**  
**February 10, 2009**

Attendance: Ernie Brown, Craig Evans and Clifton Camp  
Staff: Doug Vanderpool Forest Fire Warden, Ed Nason CEO, Dick Peckham & Jennifer Sonricker  
Administrative Assistant  
Reporter: Heather Terragni  
Public in attendance: 4

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

**Brookfield Road Committee Report**

Ernie reviewed December 2008 Brookfield Road Committee report (draft) dated December 14, 2008. In 2008, Garney Road and Moose Mountain Road repairs were the only capital improvement; all other roads had regular routine maintenance only. Appendix B reviewed in detail, it includes recommended improvements for 2009 & 2010. All price estimates were calculated when gas was around \$4.00 a gallon, if oil prices stay at the current level these estimates could come down. These projects are capital improvements and are above and beyond routine maintenance projects. There were no comments or questions.

Minutes from January 27, 2009 meeting reviewed.

**MOTION: Craig made a motion to accept the minutes from January 27, 2009 as presented, seconded by Clifton. A vote was taken; all in favor, motion carries.**

**Public**

**Comments** No public comments.

**Admin. Asst.** Jennifer reported she was contacted by a representative from 2010 Census; he was interested in holding a testing session next week at the Town House building. The Selectmen agreed and decided to waive the rental fee for this activity. When the dates are final the testing session details will be posted on the website.

**Assessor Clerk** N/A

**Planning Board** Boonie Colman was asked by the planning board to get more details regarding letter from Ernie regarding survey questionnaire. The requested survey would address commercial activity in town. The goal would be to obtain information regarding what townspeople think should be permissible in town. After some discussion it was decided the planning board would discuss this after March Town Meeting.

**Tax Collector** N/A

**Forest Fire**

<b>Warden</b>	Doug reported permits are not required at this time but he does like to be notified if anyone plans to burn.
<b>Treasurer</b>	N/A
<b>Trustees of The Trust Funds</b>	N/A
<b>Town Clerk</b>	N/A
<b>Emergency Mgmt. Director</b>	N/A
<b>CEO</b>	N/A
<b>Road Agent</b>	N/A
<b>Moderator</b>	<p>February 10<sup>th</sup> draft warrant article discussed. Dick Peckham suggested article 5 be amended to include the word “wind”; it should read “small <i>wind</i> energy systems”. Clifton suggested Article 12 wording be changed to read “deposit into fund”, the capital reserve fund for parks &amp; recreation has already been established.</p> <p>Dick urged the Selectmen to use due diligence regarding layout of ballot; he would like to see articles 2-5 on a separate sheet of paper from election of officers; not put on the back of the ballot. If it goes on the back it may get missed. The town clerk puts this together and this has been addressed.</p> <p>Dick reported the overlay map regarding workforce housing will be on display during voting. The room will be setup Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> for voting.</p>
<b>Archivist</b>	Nothing to report
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	N/A
<b>Cable Committee</b>	There have been Time Warner trucks doing work on Lyford Road, no update regarding what they are doing has been provided.
<b>Parks &amp; Playground</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>GWRSD</b>	Ernie reported there will be a presentation regarding proposed school articles at February 24 <sup>th</sup> Selectmen’s Meeting and February 28 <sup>th</sup> during town coffee.
<b>Road Committee</b>	N/A
<b>Agricultural Commission</b>	Janet reported on recent activities regarding Agriculture; she recently attended Farm/Forest Expo in Manchester and Pam attended Ag Tourism meeting on Friday. The

Agricultural commission will be hosting February 28<sup>th</sup> Town Coffee; they have invited all candidates for public office to attend and introduce themselves, there will also be discussions regarding planning board amendments.

**Other** N/A

**Old Business** Valentine Breakfast on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> discussed. Craig reported the proceeds will go towards the 1<sup>st</sup> Brookfield Old Home Week event that will be held in August. The breakfast is scheduled from 8:00 – 10:00 AM; the menu will consist of French toast, turkey & pork sausage, coffee, tea & hot cocoa. Spring pot luck has been scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>; more details to follow.

Sale of old generator discussed, Craig has removed it from the sign board for the time being. Jennifer reported a letter was mailed to the Town of Tamworth on Saturday regarding the price reduction to \$1,000. We will wait a few weeks for a response and then discuss other means to advertise the sale of the generator.

Ernie reported the new mail box has arrived and should be installed in the next few weeks.

Craig reported special event permit has been sent to the Attorney for review; waiting to hear back before scheduling public hearing.

**New Business** Dick questioned if the 2009 town budget was approved. The selectmen reported it has been approved but not posted. The proposed budget with warrants is \$768,341.00, without warrant \$615,841.00. Expected revenue is \$249,778.00 which leaves the amount to be raised by taxes at \$518,563.00. The budget will be posted on the website.

The Selectmen signed community service letters for high school students and intent to cut for Gosselin, Map 15/Lot 1.

Mail reviewed.

The next meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen's meeting will follow GWRSD School Board presentation on the new high school; presentation is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sonricker  
Admin. Asst.