

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, NH
267 WENTWORTH ROAD
BROOKFIELD, NH 03872**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Selectman, Ernie Brown, Chair, Selectman William Nelson, Assessor Clerk/
Administrative Assistant Jessica Robischeau, Tax Collector, Diana Peckham
Selectmen Clifton Camp was absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 4

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Hill.

Public Comments:

State Rep. Dino Scala gave the Selectmen contact information for the State Officials. This will be listed on the new website. Rep. Scala's committee is Election Law. He stated that they were unable to override the veto on the Voter ID bill. The big issue explained was that a ballot would not be counted unless the voter had proven their identity. The bill will again be addressed next year. Bill Nelson asked Rep. Scala if there is a floating representative. He explained, that, years ago, Jeb Bradley was the floating Rep. This Rep is for towns that do not have enough populous. Since we have enough populous, a Rep such as Dino Scala or Joe Fleck, will take on any additional town with not enough populous and serve as a floating Rep. They were both surprised at how little they are hearing about the redistricting. They expect to hear more about it in the middle of October.

State Rep. Joe Fleck stated there are still several bills that the Governor vetoed that they are dealing with. One of those bills in the last session and one they will deal with on the next session day on 10/12. The override for the Right to Work Law has not been voted on yet. They voted on the expansion of the Castle Doctrine which gives people the right to defend themselves where ever they happen to be. Rep. Fleck said they have to take pride in budget reductions which in the general fund, it was approximately 18%. The overall budge reduction was approximately 12%. Education Funding has been a big issue. The sub-committee has recommended ITL which is a level funding for the next 2 years. Ernie stated that being on the School Board and Budget Committee, it is very helpful for our planning purposes to know where we stand for the next 2 years. On the downside, the State is being subjected to return \$35 Million to the Federal Government due to the Mediscam which was in 1997.

Bill asked Rep. Fleck if there is an issue with state plowing for this winter. He heard that the State could be cutting back on the plowing in the late night hours. Rep. Fleck did not know and stated that this is an administrative decision not a legislative decision. It will all depend on the department heads in deciding on how to utilize the funds. If it is not satisfactory, the legislature could act on this concern. Rep. Scala feels that they will find the money to maintain the winter roads, if needed.

Rep. Scala stated that now that the budget is behind us, you will see social and non-money bills come up.

Rep. Dino Scala would like anyone that needs to contact him, to call his cell phone 603-387-5801 or e-mail him at NHreps@yahoo.com. Rep. Joe Fleck can be reached by e-mail at jfleck@roadrunner.com or at his home number 603-522-6741.

Ed Comeau asked Rep. Fleck if they were able to override the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative bill. He said no and the vote was very close. The Senate did not care to override this.

Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2011:

Correction/Amendments to September 13, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting:

Bill asked that under Public Comments, second paragraph, last line be added: *Signs on Rte 109 and Rte 16 are a State issue and a local police department issue.*

MOTION: *Bill moved to accept the minutes from September 13, 2011 with changes noted, seconded by Ernie. A vote taken, both Ernie and Bill were in favor; motion carried. (Clifton was not present)*

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Treasurer- Not present

Tax Collector- Diana Peckham asked the Selectmen to sign a new Land Use Change Tax application for Map 18 Lots 4B & 4C. This is needed to register the Current Use change for these lots. This current use change was brought to the Selectmen in the last meeting where, originally, the entire lot was taken out of current use and has since been corrected to .5 acres of each lot. This will lower the land use change tax due. The change will be effective today and will not include retro interest from when originally removed from current use. A letter has been mailed to the owner's with regards to this change. Diana consulted the Town's Council and stated that taking the .5 acres was recommended as Avitar had stated. By doing this, we are now in compliance with Avitar's direction as well as the Town Council, Laura Spector. Diana will hand deliver the signed Land Use Change tax application to the Registry of Deeds on Thursday. An abatement was then signed by the Selectmen for the lots.

Administrative Assistant/Assessor Clerk-Jessica Robisneau- Nothing to report

Code Enforcement Officer/Road Agent- Not Present. It was announced that an issue came up this week regarding a property owner building too close to the water. A cease & desist was ordered. The State did come to the office and spoke with Eddie regarding this matter. It is currently being worked on.
- There were residents of Tumbledown Dick Rd who have contacted Ernie regarding how good the ground asphalt road is and asked for the entire road to be done also.

Emergency Management- Not Present

GWRSB- The middle school opened on Monday September 19th and the high school opened on Tuesday September 20th. Eighteen trailers of furniture were moved into the schools within a three day period. The middle school gym has 2 more weeks before it is finished. The high school practice gym is now their cafeteria until the actual cafeteria is complete. The high school gym flooring is being leveled and will not be complete until the end of November. The geothermal system is working well with just a little fine tuning needed to be done. The high school is short 250 lockers as of today. Ernie reminded everyone that the school board will be meeting at the Town House on October 19th, 2011.

- **Heritage Commission-** Ernie stated that Marilou will be contacting Salmon Falls Architecture as to whether we are able to place the plastic under the Town House for the winter.

Joint Loss Management- We have a new Chairman of the committee, Jessica Robisneau. Ernie has finished a 30 page or more Safety Document. The document will be coordinated through the Chairman and Brad Williamson, Emergency Management. It is anticipated to be brought to the Selectmen's Meeting in late October for discussion and hold one public hearing on it and possibly be adopted in December.

Planning Board- Nothing to report

Webmaster: It is in the works for the middle of October to the first of November to go live with the new website. Ernie spoke with Jennifer Sonricker to ask Virtual Town Hall to see what isn't submitted that needs to be.

Old Business: Ernie asked officials to get their budgets in.

- **New Business-** None

Ed Comeau commented on upcoming meetings: Wednesday September 28th at 9am- County Commissioner's Meeting, Friday September 30th Strafford Regional Planning Commission and October 3rd at 9am Delegation Meeting- Budget Discussion.

The next Selectmen meeting is on October 11, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Mailed reviewed

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Robischeau
Administrative Assistant