



TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
267 Wentworth Road Brookfield, N.H. 03872

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2014

ATTENDANCE: Selectmen Rich Zacher, Selectmen Brian Robisneau, Selectman William Nelson, Administrative Asst. Jessica Robisneau, Geary Ciccarone, Rose Zacher, Ed Nason, Ed Comeau, Marilou Maclean

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Ethan Hipple.

Guest Speaker: Ethan Hipple, Director of the Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation Department spoke with the Selectmen about the parks and rec program and how many Brookfield residents take advantage of the programs. Brookfield's portion of the fee for the program will be increased proportionally to the increase of Towns population as reported in the last census.

Opening of the Heating Bids: The Selectmen explained why they asked Michael Tsaltas of Traditional Trades to rebid. His bid came in at \$10,356. Kingswood Mechanical bid was \$10,800.

Motion:

- ***MOTION:*** *Selectman Zacher moved to accept the bid from Traditional Trades in the amount of \$10,356 with negotiation for possible lower efficiency furnace options. The motion was seconded by Selectman Robisneau. A vote was taken, all in favor, motion carries.*

Abatement letter: A letter from Avitar, the Town's assessing agent, was received and read. Two areas were addressed in the letter:

- 1) The overall equalized value of the lake properties as compared mean value of assessed properties in the town.
- 2) A strategy for dealing with a pending BTLA case.

Selectmen Zacher recused himself from the assessment discussion.

Budget: The 2014 proposed budget was reviewed. Due to the above BTLA case, there Selectmen need to prepare for anticipated abatements. They have decided to set aside \$50,000 for these abatements. The road budget for 2014 will be tentatively adjusted to prepare for such abatements.

On February 11 2014, starting at 6:30 pm the Selectmen will hold a public hearing to review the proposed Town budget. They asked Jessica Robisneau post the hearing notice in the newspaper.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Robisneau
Administrative Assistant