

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF 2/3/09 MEETING

Convened: 6:30 p.m.
Present: David Menter
Kevin Johnston
Jeffrey Bryan
Andrew Artimovich
George Waldron

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable, and signed the register. The Board reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 1/27/09 meeting. Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Waldron; all voted in favor.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- The Selectmen gave approval for the Historical Society to hold a bake sale at the Town election.
- Bryan made a motion, seconded by Artimovich, to extend Club UnderAlls discounted rental rate for the BCC for 6 months from today. All voted in favor.
- The Selectmen would like to get an update from Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine as to what, if anything, is being done to resolve an employee issue they discussed with him a couple of months ago.
- The Selectmen reviewed and approved the dedication page for the Town Report.
- Sovereign Bank sent a letter stating that the request they recently received to draw from the Letter of Credit for Debco Realty Trust did not include some required wording. The Selectmen signed a revised letter.

We received 1 bid for painting the Grange Hall from Heritage Painting in the amount of \$16,100. The proposal indicates that there are approximately 15-20 clapboards that may need to be replaced and that there is a bat problem in the soffits that should be taken care of. These items are not included in the bid. The Board decided to use a figure of \$20,000 for the warrant article to cover any additional repairs that may be needed in the painting process. In the meantime, they would like to get a few estimates for vinyl siding so they can present that as an option to taxpayers at Town Meeting.

Members of the Fire Station Building Committee were in with John Ricci to present the proposal for the new station. Ricci reviewed the plans with the Board. Bryan distributed copies of the tax impact the bond would have over the life of the bond. Ricci will be at the bond hearing on Saturday 2/7. The Board again expressed their support of the fire station warrant article.

John Kennedy, Brentwood's representative on the RPC Technical Advisory Committee, was in to encourage the Board of Selectmen to develop a "wish list" for submission to the RPC for inclusion in the Long Range Transportation Plan. The Selectmen said they would like to include repairs to the South Road Bridge over Little River, and asked

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Wayne Robinson, Road Agent, to develop a list of any other projects that they may want to consider. The Board discussed using funds from the Bridge Repairs Capital Reserve Fund to pay for an estimate for the South Road Bridge. The members thanked Kennedy for coming in and agreed that they should submit a list.

Allan Knowles of 272 Middle Road was in to inform the Board that, to the best of his knowledge, he is in compliance with the court order prohibiting him from performing auto repair work from his residence. He said he does still have customers dropping off vehicles at the 272 Middle Road location but that he takes them elsewhere to work on them. Knowles said he spoke with someone from the motor vehicles department and was informed that he can have the vehicles parked there as they are registered and inspected. Bryan recommended he have vehicles brought directly to the site where he will be performing the work in order to avoid the appearance that he is continuing to work from his residence. He is currently working with John Gigante to try to get space at Gigante Park to perform his auto repairs. According to Knowles, a ZBA member recommended that he apply for a hardship exemption to allow him to operate his business from his home as he is in a difficult situation financially. Johnston told him that would not be considered.

Wayne Robinson, police chief, was in with a request from Denny Wood to “borrow” enough earned time to meet the 3 day requirement before tapping into his sick leave pool. He will be out for approximately 1 week for medical reasons. In addition, Jesse Pimental would like to “borrow” some time as he will be away for a long weekend this upcoming weekend. The Selectmen granted permission to give both employees an advance on their earned time but warned that they do not want to make a habit of it and employees should plan ahead.

Phyllis Thompson, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, was in to let the Selectmen know that she is submitting a warrant article to allow the use of credit cards to make payments to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. She also mentioned that she would like to count ballots by hand at the upcoming town election as it will save approximately \$800 from having the machine programmed. The Selectmen agreed.

The Selectmen discussed a letter from Town Counsel updating them on ongoing enforcement matters. Waldron made a motion to have counsel seek a finding of contempt and an attachment on the property for the Willim matter. Johnston seconded the motion; all voted in favor. The Board would like more information regarding the option of the sheriff’s sale if they were to obtain a court order to remove “junk” from a property that is not compliant with a court order. The Selectmen would like to continue with the current course of action for Knowles.

At 8:40 p.m. a motion was made by Artimovich and seconded by Waldron to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Stevens

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