

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF 2/9/10 MEETING

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Present: David Menter  
Jane Byrne  
Andrew Artimovich

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 2/2/10 meeting. Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Byrne, to approve the minutes as written. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- The Board gave permission to the Historical Society to have a bake sale at the elections.
- An email response will be sent to Mr. Follansbee regarding his question about the location of the Class VI portion of Rowell Rd West. The Selectmen decided that when the ground thaws, they will revisit the signage.
- The Selectmen would like to know the price difference in including colored photos in the Town Report as opposed to black & white.
- Byrne and Town Counsel met with Mr. Musso and his representative regarding the bridge. Byrne reported that Musso would like to have the sluiceway restored that used to run under the old bridge. Byrne said we don't really know when it was filled in; there is no record in the state archives that indicates it was there when the bridge was built in 1941. If the sluiceway was there, Musso would have to get cooperation from the Firemen's Association to replace it. Through conversation with the bridge engineer, if there had been a sluiceway there it was probably sitting right where the abutments are planned to be located. That would mean reengineering new plans. If they get into the construction process and find there is evidence of a sluiceway being there, notification will have to be made to the state. Mr. Musso's hope is to have it designated as a historic site and be able to apply for a hydro-generation permit. The plan is that when the snow is gone they will meet at the site and try to determine if the sluiceway was indeed there.
- Byrne made a motion, seconded by Artimovich, to waive the Community Center rental fee for the Brentwood Nightriders 4-H Group to hold a "Getting to know 4H Day/Earth Day Celebration". All voted in favor.
- Stevens has sent a copy of the warrant articles to our DRA representative for her review. They require that the Selectmen's tallies be included on the warrant if the budget committee tallies are included. Other than that, there were just a couple of minor recommendations regarding wording.
- Stevens received the 3 references from Lampron. She has been able to speak with 2 of them. SUR Construction out of Rochester has been using them since November and is very happy; don't have any delivery or billing issues. Index Packaging from Milton has been using them for less than 1 year and has had no problems with them. The third business has not returned her call. John Kennedy,

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who was in attendance, asked if Lampron is licensed to sell fuel without tax. Artimovich inquired about the cost savings of going with Lampron over a couple of the more local companies. The Board would like Julie to check on these items and they will discuss it further next week.

- The Selectmen received a copy of a revised Private Duty/Traffic Detail & Outside Employment Policy from the Police Dept.

Building Inspector Gil Tuck was in with 1 building permit for John Lavery of 77 Deerhill Rd to erect a pole barn. The Selectmen signed the permit.

Resident Virginia Knutson was in for a continuation of her settlement meeting with the Board regarding the denial of her abatement application. Knutson discussed several points regarding her property and the comparison properties used in Assessor Jim Michaud's report recommending the denial of her abatement. She finished by asking the Board to reconsider their decision. Menter asked Jim Michaud, who was in attendance, if he had anything to add. Michaud explained that the burden is upon the taxpayer to prove that the assessed value is incorrect. He continued that in the tax year that the abatement request is for is 2008 and in that year the equalization ratio was 103.9% which brings the applied market value of Ms. Knutson's property to \$360,000 as of 4/1/2008. Michaud said he has not seen any evidence introduced that tells us that \$360,000, or within 10% of that, is incorrect. Knutson offered a compromise that her property value be lowered to \$335,000; with the 103.9% equalization ratio factored in the applied market value would be just over \$322,000. Artimovich stated that he didn't consider \$335,000 to be a compromise as Knutson was originally looking for \$325,000 (a \$10,000 compromise on her part) and the Town has it assessed for \$375,000 (a \$40,000 compromise on the Town's part). Byrne made a motion to offer a compromise of an assessed value of \$350,000 for 2008 & 2009. Menter seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Ms. Knutson accepted the Board's offer of a \$350,000 assessment. Mr. Michaud will prepare a settlement agreement to be signed by the Board and Ms. Knutson.

Joe Lombardo of New England Dragway was in with the proposed schedule for 2010. The number of events is the same as 2009. Wednesdays and Fridays will remain free for residents. Lombardo reported that there is one outstanding bill but it is one he had not received previously and he has no problem paying it. Lombardo said that to resolve any discrepancies between our hours for the officers doing details and the dragway's hours, they will email their hours to us on Monday mornings. He indicated that one issue he's had is that the officers don't always punch in. Artimovich commented that the Chief needs to designate to the officers that the start time is at the dragway not at the police department. Police Chief Robinson indicated that Joe recently relayed to him that he is not happy with the officers just sitting in their cruisers over there rather than getting out and about. To resolve this, Lombardo will put together a list stating what he expects from the officers while they are there on duty. Lombardo updated the Board on the wetlands issue.

Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine was in at the request of the Selectmen. Stevens distributed pages of the NFPA recommendations regarding medical/health evaluations. Artimovich

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asked Lemoine what his feelings are on the subject of mandatory medical/health evaluations. Lemoine questioned if they would require this every year and who would be required to participate. Menter said the Board wants to make sure the permanent guys can perform their required job duties because the Town can't afford to have one of them have a medical problem while on a call. Menter said we would probably start with the full-time personnel. Lemoine said he would think they would want to do them all. The Board expressed concern about the cost of doing that. They asked Julie to call the Center for Occupational Health and get a price on performing this type of physical exam. Artimovich noted that the Board is just trying to give Lemoine some tools to be able to resolve the health concerns that have been previously discussed. Lemoine said he will review the information handed out and give the Board some feedback.

The Board then discussed Lemoine's request to increase the credit limit on his town credit card. The limit is currently \$500. Artimovich made a motion to approve an increase to \$1,000 with the Chief being the only cardholder and user. Menter seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Lemoine mentioned that they just had a computer die. The Selectmen mentioned that we have a number of used computers in the lower level of the Town Office that they are welcome to take a look at and it see if any will meet his needs.

The Board signed the following documents:

- Contract w/Cartographics to do tax map update as budgeted.
- A DRA form regarding the information for the setting of the equalization rate.

The Board decided to start next week's meeting at 6:00 p.m. in order to complete their weekly business prior to the public hearings.

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Artimovich and seconded by Byrne to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens