

APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MINUTES

June 1, 2010

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Gilman called the meeting to order in the Wheelwright Room at 8:30 a.m..
Additional present: Selectman Quandt, Selectman Campbell, Selectman Clement. Selectman Aldrich arrived at 8:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Manifests.

Motion by Selectman Clement to approve the weekly payroll dated 5/26/10 in the amount of \$157,961.97. Second by Selectman Quandt. Motion carried 4-0.

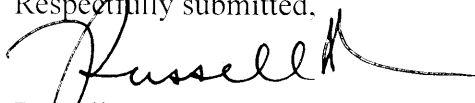
Motion by Selectman Clement to approve the weekly accounts payable warrant dated May 28th, 2010 in the amount of \$152,884.25. Second by Selectman Quandt. Motion carries 4-0.

3. Brooks Properties Abatement.

Mr. John DeVittori, Assessor, spoke to this item. Brooks Properties filed an appeal of their value of 10.2 million dollars. The proposed settlement was 9.4 million dollars. Brooks had their appraisal done and it came in at 8.2 million dollars. The BTLA might go either way and counsel has recommended this is an appropriate number to settle the case. DeVittori reported a large cost would be incurred to order a third party appraisal and fight the case using legal fees. Vision will revalue the property this year during their statistical update. The value of the abatement over the 2 tax years, 2008 and 2009, is approximately \$36,000. The Town Manager reminded the Board when values are set state law does not allow the use of income and expense statements, but they are allowed on abatement requests. This is a flaw in the law the Assessors have been fighting for years that can lead to issues such as this on an appeal. Selectman Aldrich motioned to approve, seconded by Selectwoman Gilman. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Aldrich moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Gilman. The Board stood adjourned at 8:45 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Russell Dean
Town Manager