**Town of Brookfield**

**Selectmen's Meeting**

**Brookfield Town Hall**

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

**Selectmen Present**: Clarence R. Snyder III; Beth Coughlin

**Camera:** Kevin Erkkila

**Press:** Tara Vocino

**Others:** John David Holdcraft; Ken Cleveland

*Note: The minutes of this meeting reflect the order printed agenda, not the order of the actual meeting.*

Mr. Snyder called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE WARRANTS**

Mr. Snyder entertained a motion to approve the following warrants; Ms. Coughlin so moved; Mr. Snyder seconded; so voted:

Approve Expense Warrant for 10-16-17 (RVX refunds) for $717.71

Approve Expense Warrant for 10-17-17 for $138,547.98

Approve Expense Warrant for 10-10-17 for $33,232.70

Approve Expense Warrant for 10-4-17 for $2,131.09

Approve Expense Warrant for 10-3-17 (RVX refunds) for $36,626.56

Approve Expense Warrant for 10-17-17 for $22.55

Approve Expense Warrant for 10-17-17 for $11,652.95

**APPROVE SELECTMEN’S MINUTES**

Mr. Snyder entertained a motion to approve selectmen’s minutes for 8-3-17 ex sess; 9-27-17; Ms. Coughlin so moved; Mr. Snyder seconded; so voted.

**ACKNOWLEDGE MONTHLY REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM OTHER DEPTS**

Mr. Snyder entertained a motion to acknowledge the following reports and minutes; Ms. Coughlin so moved; Mr. Snyder seconded; so voted.

Advisory Committee Minutes: 9-14-17

Fire Dept Monthly Report– September 2017

EMS Monthly Report – September 2017

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Snyder announced Trick or Treat and Halloween events to be held on Halloween night (October 31st)

Mr. Snyder reported Tyler Wolanin, district aide to Sen. Anne Gobi, will be holding office hours at Brookfield Town Hall from 2 to 3 p.m., Thursday, October 19th (tomorrow). All are welcome.

Mr. Snyder reminded residents a Winter Parking Ban is in effect in Brookfield from November 15 to April 1 for all public ways in the Town during the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.  There will be no parking on the streets, whether or not snow is predicted. Anyone in violation is subject to a $25.00 fine.

***Public Access***

**John David Holdcraft** approached the Board. Mr. Holdcraft said selectmen discussed at a previous meeting that he owed a (police detail) bill to Verizon and owed the Town the cost of replanting trees, all relating to the 2015 move of a Prouty Street house purchased by Mr. Holdcraft. He told the Board he planted five trees as agreed, and that former Tree Warden Bill Stendrup can confirm the plantings. Mr. Snyder thanked him.

Mr. Holdcraft brought up police detail costs that occurred during the house move, which he claimed Verizon is responsible for. Mr. Holdcraft said in Massachusetts no utility company can own air rights. Therefore he claimed the utility companies must move wires at their own expense. He noted he previously moved two houses and the utility companies were responsible for the costs. He explained Verizon was at the house site prior to the move to prep the wires. He reiterated his claim that Verizon is responsible for the cost of (police) details for that day; and that he is responsible for the house move, of which two state troopers were on hand.

Mr. Holdcraft said (initially) the police were told by Verizon that they would pay the detail charges, but later were told by a supervisor that they will not pay. He said he and the Police Chief are in the process of trying to work with Verizon on the matter; noting Verizon has paid police details in North Brookfield in the past.

Ms. Coughlin noted the bill for the house moving detail is $1,248. Mr. Holdcraft said he does not owe the money and offered to give Ms. Coughlin contact names. Mr. Holdcraft clarified he paid for the pole to be moved; which is different (from the police details). Mr. Snyder stated the Town is still owed an outstanding bill of $1,200. Ms. Coughlin again asked for contact information for Verizon; Mr. Holdcraft agreed to provide that information.

In another matter, Mr. Holdcraft asked Ms. Lincoln why the Town is running four one ton dump trucks. Ms. Lincoln asked the administrative assistant to call the Hwy Dept for an answer.

Lastly, Mr. Holdcraft charged the Board wasn't compassionate about giving a local property owner more time to clean out his house, which had been declared dangerous and ordered to be demolished in 30 days. Ms. Coughlin reminded him an abutter said building materials were falling off the building and it was a safety hazard.

**AGENDA**

1. **Update Mass Historical**

Mr. Snyder mentioned the Adena site (old campground property), referencing a new report stating he expects UMass to put a document together so he can put out the report and get the items paid.

**2. Plow Private Roads**

Ms. Coughlin said abutters of private roads that did not send back a Hold Harmless Agreement (to allow plowing for the 2017/18 season) should be sent a third mailing via Certified Mail, indicating to them that no response will be treated as acceptance of the terms.

Mr. Snyder entertained motion to plow private roads as amended, as follows; Ms. Coughlin seconded as amended to send (non responding abutters) another notice; so voted:

Brunnell Ave; Chestnut St.; Draper St; Forest St. (section that was repaired); Joe Goddard Rd; Lakeside Ave; Lane 21; Lane 24; Letendre Dr.; Mel Lane; Oak Ave; Ward St.

1. **Sign Special Use Permits**

Ms. Coughlin moved to approve all Special Use Permits as follows; Mr. Snyder seconded; so voted:

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| Quaboag Pond | Brookfields' Lions Club | January 27, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | NEBA of MASS | April 21, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | Iceholes | April 29, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | NEBA of MASS | May 6, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | MassBass Federation | May 20, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | Good Spirit Bassmasters | May 12, 2018 |
| Quaboag | RI Bass Stalkers | May 13, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | Pioneer Valley Bass Anglers | May 27, 2018 |
| South Pond | 97FISH | August 5, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | Blackstone Valley Bassmasters | August 11, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | Coventry Bass Anglers | August 12, 2018 |
| South Pond | Worcester County Bassers | August 25, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | Wachusetts Bassmasters | August 25, 2018 |
| South Pond | South Middlesex Bass Anglers | August 29, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | QQLA | September 8, 2018 |
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| Quaboag Pond | Lip Rippers Fishing Club | September 9, 2018 |
| Quaboag Pond | Last Cast Anglers | September 16, 2018 |
| Quaboag | Northeast RI Bass | September 23, 2018 |

1. **Other**

Mr. Snyder entertained a motion to sign a Cemetery Deed Memorandum of Repurchase for Lot 66B; Ms. Coughlin so moved; Mr. Snyder seconded; so voted.

Mr. Snyder noted on September 14th there was a great turnout for an event by a group commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Brookfields churches.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:04 p.m., Mr. Snyder entertained a motion to adjourn; Ms. Coughlin so moved; Mr. Snyder seconded; so voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Trainor Resseguie, Administrative Assistant