

Brookline School Board Meeting =DRAFT Minutes

Thursday, August 16, 2012 6:00 pm @ NewBrook School

6:06 pm Called to order

Present: Board Members Lee Anne Parker, Alicia O'Donnell. Superintendent Steven John, Principal Chris Pratt. Members of community Judy Acompora, and Stan and Patricia Noga,

The intent of the meeting was to discuss future action steps needed to resolve land ownership and use of the properties held by joint agreement between the Brookline and Newfane School Boards for the Brookline Elementary School and the abutting Baptist Church property.

At issue is the 99 year lease arrangement between the VT/NH Baptist Society and the Town of Brookline' Elementary School District which outlines the current property agreements end when the school stops functioning as a public school. Discussion ensued whether there should be a legal permanent easement clarification or whether a land swap should be considered.

Ownership of the Baptist Church building is held by the VT/NH Baptist Society who will be holding a meeting in September at which the property situation will be discussed. A member from that society is to be welcomed to a future meeting of the Brookline School Board to report results of that discussion.

Superintendent Steven John recommends the Brookline School Board present any findings and ask approval of the Town at the 2013 Town Meeting before signing any transfer of property or easement clarification. Meanwhile legal counsel will be sought by the WSCU to investigate whether there will be any Act 250 sub division issues, and how best to handle the issue of the well water access.

Motion by Lee Anne Parker: The Board directs Steven John to work to secure legal counsel to complete an agreement regarding property exchange between the VT/NH Baptist Society and the Windham Central School District. Motion seconded by Alecia O'Donnell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Anne Parker

Brookline School Board Chair