Call To Order: 6:15PM - The meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:15pm.

The Board reviewed the Payroll & Expenses warrants with the Town Accountant.

The Board agreed to send the Highway Superintendent an email requesting he comply with the Compensatory Time Policy; specifically: The Selectmen would like to remind you that the COMPENSATORY POLICY states that “Compensatory time will be taken within the week it is earned.” The Board would like you to attempt to utilize your compensatory time as stated in the policy. If you incur extenuating circumstances and can not use the time during the week in which it was accrued the Board would respectfully ask that you put a request in writing to carry the time over to the next pay period & include the circumstances of why you could not comply with the policy.

STM Warrant:
Barry motioned to open the STM Warrant. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

At the request of Ms. Lynda Plante, Barry motioned to add the following article to the STM Warrant:

“To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws Chapter V, Section 5, by inserting the words in bold “A printed copy of the Advisory Committee Report, including the Omnibus Budget, will be mailed or otherwise distributed to every household at least five (5) days before the Annual Town Meeting.”; or take any other action relative thereto.”

Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Barry motioned to accept the STM Warrant, as presented, and to close the Warrant. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board executed the STM Warrant to be addressed on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00pm in the West Brookfield Elementary School.

Tax Classification Hearing – 6:45PM:
At the request of Assessor Walker, David motioned to have a Single Tax Rate for FY10. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Knights of Columbus – Tootsie Roll Drive:
David motioned to approve the Knights request to host their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on October 10th and 11th. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Appointments:
Barry motioned to appoint Sarah Allen as the Ethics Commission Liaison. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Library Director – Follow Up Request Regarding Custodian Vacancy:
Director Lisa Careau wrote the Board stating that she had followed up on their request to pursue an employee currently on staff. Ms. Careau noted that two (2) employees had been identified; however increasing each employee’s hours would activate them to a benefit status. This would result in additional costs in the way of fringe benefits. After some discussion, David motioned to authorize the Library to search “outside” to fill their custodial vacancy. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Walking Dog Cleanup (Poop Scooper Ordinance):
The Board briefly discussed adopting a “Walking Dog Cleanup” Ordinance for public property. The Board asked the Executive Secretary to attempt to DRAFT an Ordinance for discussion at a future meeting.

Scrap Metal Purchase Agreement:
Supt. Benoit submitted a Scrap Metal Purchase Agreement for the Board to execute. The Board took the Agreement under advisement pending further information from the Superintendent.
RFP for Legal Services:
David noted that the Water Department and Treasurer were working on a USDA Loan that was quite complicated and that the Treasurer had requested that the Board consider hold off switching Counsel until such time that the loan was complete. A time frame was not provided. The Board took the request under advisement.

Fire Chief Vacancy:
Tom asked the other Board members for a motion to appoint Paul Lupacchino as Fire Chief. Barry motioned to appoint Paul Lupacchino as Fire Chief. Second David. The Board voted unanimously. The Board congratulated Chief Lupacchino who was present and also wished him a Happy 51st Birthday.

Repairs to Fire Roof:
Barry motioned to authorize Warren Roofers to proceed with the repairs to the Fire roof for $5,600 – low bid; as long as it can be accomplished prior to winter. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Mary Koval – Highway Schedule:
Ms. Koval asked if the Highway Superintendent submitted any type of report into the Board outlining his work schedule. The Board stated that he did not; however they felt that a periodic report would make “good sense”. After some discussion, David motioned to require the Highway Superintendent to submit a month report which should summarize the previous month’s activities and set forth a schedule for the upcoming month. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

At the request of Erik Shaffer, Wildlife Technician USDA and Highway Superintendent Benoit, Barry motioned to approve a License Agreement between Don Ela and the Town for work to be accomplished by the USDA on Ela’s property. Noting the Agreement was incomplete – the Board agreed that it would not be released to the USDA until all information was provided to the Town. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

David stated that Barry deserved credit for bringing up the possibility of installing GPS devices in some of the Town vehicles. David felt that Barry had provided a reasonable approach to a real problem. The Board was now tasked with determining if the approach would be practical.

Barry asked if both of the fuel tanks at the Highway Facility had been hooked up to the fuel monitoring system. The Board agreed to send the Superintendent an email to obtain an answer.

Barry asked that the Zoning Officer be placed on the next Selectmen’s Agenda.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk