Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – May 17, 2011

LOCATION: Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Meeting Room
TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Barry Nadon Jr., Mike Frew, Johanna Barry – Executive Secretary, local access t.v. and members of the press.

Call To Order: 6:30PM - The meeting was called to order by Barry at 6:30pm.

Accept Minutes:
Mike motioned to accept the minutes of November 16, 2010 (Regular Session), March 15, 2011 (Regular Session), April 25, 2011 (Regular Session), May 9, 2011 (Regular Session) and May 10, 2011 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Pole Petition – Ragged Hill Road:
*No abutters were present. Javier Morales was present representing Nationalgrid. Hearing no objections, Mike motioned to approve Pole Hearing No. 10548157, as submitted. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Music Committee – Request to Utilize Food Vendors for the Concerts on the Common:
Eric Von Bleicken asked the Board to allow the Music Committee to have food vendors on the Common during the summer concerts. The Music Committee agreed to be responsible for all trash cleanup and BOH permits. The Board noted that all vendors must be legally licensed. The Board agreed to allow the Committee to have vendors; with the ability to review the situation on occasion during the summer.

Pole Petition – Wickaboag Valley Road:
*Abutter Robert Tamm was present. Javier Morales was present representing Nationalgrid. Mr. Tamm questioned how many trees or how much brush would be cut to allow for the new pole and guide wire. The Board agreed to recess the Hearing until May 31, 2011 to allow Nationalgrid, Robert Tamm, Jim Daley – Highway Superintendent and Tree Warden – Jim DiMaio to meet and discuss the details.

STM:
Mike motioned to hold a STM on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:00pm in the West Brookfield Elementary School. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to open the Warrant. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Appointments:
The Board agreed to hold off on the School Building Committee appointments until May 31st. Mike stated that he would like to insure that there are three (3) separate building committees – one (1) for the HS, one (1) for Warren Elem and one (1) for WBES.

Quaboag Youth Football Organization:
Mike motioned to approve a “Family Fun Weekend” on June 25th and 26th, with a rain date of July 9th and 19th; with the condition that the Football Organization meets any conditions set by Police Chief, C. Thomas O’Donnell. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Charter Communications – Franchise Renewal:
The Board received notice from Charter that the Town’s Cable Contract will expire on January 19, 2014. The Board agreed to send a copy to the Local Access Director in an effort to receive his input.

Shelving Proposal for the Merriam Gilbert Public Library:
Mike motioned to allow the Chairman to execute an acceptance of state bid shelves. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Fire Department Appointments/Promotions:
Mike motioned to appoint Daniel McCall and Andrew Sarja as new Recruit Firefighters. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to appoint David Tebo to Lieutenant. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously. Mrs. Robin Tebo pinned her husband David Tebo as a new Lieutenant. The Board congratulated Lieutenant Tebo. The Fire Department hosted food and beverages in the fire station.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk