Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – July 28, 2009

LOCATION: Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room  TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: Tom Long, Barry Nadon, Jr., David Eisenthal (6:45pm), Johanna Barry, Executive Secretary, local access and members of press.

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.

Ye Olde Tavern – One Day Liquor License:
Barry motioned to approve Ye Olde Tavern’s one day liquor license for August 1, 2009 for $25. Second Tom. The Board voted Barry & Tom – yes – David not yet at meeting.

Highway Superintendent:
Supt. Benoit reviewed a USDA Cooperative Agreement for beaver management. The Board asked the Supt. to have a representative from the USDA come to the next Selectmen’s meeting to provide more details on the proposed Agreement.

Supt. Benoit provided a cost estimate of $40,000 to reclaim and pave Lakeview Drive. (*Sub-drainage is not included – as the Town is prohibited from performing underground drainage per MGL.) Supt. Benoit will contact Bill Kelley, Lakeview Drive Representative, to further discuss the proposed paving project. The Board agreed that they would be in favor of reclaiming and providing a binder for now; for cost savings purposes. The Board agreed to split the cost 50/50; with the sub-draining remaining the responsibility of the abutters.

Lisa Baker, 53 Birch Hill Road, wrote the Board requesting the highway department remove three piles of dirt left by the Town three years ago. Supt. Benoit stated that he had received a copy of Ms. Baker’s letter and removed the dirt the same day.

The Board discussed the status of the highway facility expansion. Supt. Benoit stated that he had ordered an underground storage tank; as required by DEP, to be delivered in August. The value was approximately $12,000. The Board noted that they would like to pay out stipends to the employees who worked on the facility; however they were waiting for a permanent occupancy permit from the Building Inspector. The Board asked Supt. Benoit to prepare a cost analysis of actual costs v. savings. Al Collings, Advisory Committee Chairman, noted that the Committee would require a similar report prior to supporting the pay out any “outstanding stipends”. Supt. Benoit stated that he would create a report for both groups. The Board noted that they are in favor of providing a reward to those who worked on the project; however, they wanted documentation to show the townspeople the real savings involved in the project. As a result, David motioned to support the payout of stipends to those employees who worked on the project. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Edward Jodoin wrote the Board to request the Town consider cutting several dead trees located on Cutler Road. The Supt. stated that he had looked at the area and would add the trees to his “tree cutting list”.

The Board asked the Supt. to review the current draft Private Ways Policy and to mark it up as he felt necessary; for a future discussion with the Board.

The Board briefly discussed the Oxford Cooperative Salt Bid. The Board asked the Executive Secretary to see if M.O.R.E. received salt bids through the City of Worcester. The Board did not award the salt bids; pending information from M.O.R.E.

Supt. Benoit noted that there are many double poles located in Town due to the fact the telephone/cable companies are not transferring their wires to the new poles. Joint poles are then left on site until such time that the wires are moved; which appears to be very infrequently. The Supt. noted he was frustrated and facing little cooperation from the utility companies.

The Board asked the Supt. to forward the uniform quotes to the Board for their review.

Supt. Benoit stated that he felt that he had lost a step increase between 2007-2009 – and asked the Board to consider re-adjusting his grade/step again. The Board took his request under advisement.

Supt. Benoit stated that the loader still had not been repaired. (Electric Hydraulic Cylinoid failed) Supt. Benoit asked the Board to allow him to utilize outsourcing for mowing. The Board stated that it would like a contractor who has an over-the-rail mower to attend to the high grass at the intersections. The Board asked the Supt. to obtain quotes or to call neighboring highway departments to inquire about possible mutual aid.
David stated that he had met with the Supt. and asked the Board to consider revisiting the Compensatory Policy; to make possible adjustments that would better suit the post of Highway Superintendent & possibility other employees utilizing the policy. The Board took the request under advisement.

**Resignations/Appointments:**
David motioned to accept Emily Remer’s resignation as Assistant Librarian of Children’s Services. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Barry motioned to appoint Margot Christakis as Interim Assistant Librarian of Children’s Services. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.


**COA Car Show:**
Barry motioned to allow the COA to close Sherman Street to the Long Hill Road Bridge for pedestrian safety the day of the Car Show – Sunday, August 16th. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

**Treasurer – Quaboag On The Common – PILOT Billing:**
At the request of the Treasurer, the Board agreed to send a letter to the Assessors requesting they invoice Quaboag On The Common for their PILOT.

**DCR Mandated Dam Safety Phase I Inspection:**
The Board received four (4) quotes to conduct a Phase I Dam Inspection on the Wickaboag Dam.

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**Executive Session:**
Barry motioned to go into Executive Session under reason number two (2) to discuss complaints heard against the Zoning Officer. The Board will go into session with Zoning Officer, Gary Simeone and adjourn directly thereafter. Second David. The Board voted Barry – yes, David – yes and Tom – yes.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman     Vice Chairman     Clerk