Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – June 15, 2010

LOCATION: Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: David Eisenthal, Barry Nadon, Jr., Mike Frew and Johanna Barry - Executive Secretary, members of press and cable tv.

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

Accept Minutes:
Barry motioned to accept the Minutes of May 26, 2010 (Regular Session), May 26, 2010 (Executive Session), June 1, 2010 (Regular Session), June 2, 2010 (Regular Session), June 8, 2010 (Regular Session) – as amended, June 9, 2010 (Regular Session) and June 9, 2010 (Executive Session). Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Jeremy Maclachlan, 20 Clearview – Tree Issue:
Mr. Maclachlan met with the Board to request assistance funding the removal a tree recently struck by lightning in his front yard. Mr. Maclachlan stated that he had received an estimate to remove the tree from Clay Takorian; for $1,200. He further stated that his insurance company had agreed to pay $500. The Board asked Mr. Maclachlan if he had a registered plot plan for his property; in an effort to determine whose property the tree was located on. Mr. Maclachlan produced an as built for his septic; which showed the tree to be on Maclachlan’s property. Mr. Maclachlan reminded the Board that several years ago he had to encase his electric line in concrete at the urging of the Highway Superintendent and asked the Board to consider providing some financial relief; as he felt that the Town did not have the jurisdiction to require him to incur the added expense of installing the concrete. The Board took his request under advisement.

Appointments:
Barry motioned to make the following appointments:

Anne Marie Nolan  Historical Commission (2013)
Charles Laperle  Sergeant (2011)
Matt Letendre  FT Patrolman (2011)
Eric Mawhinney  PT Patrolman 3 year rollover
Kara Hartung  PT Patrolman (2012)
Eric Iwaniec  PT Patrolman (2012)
Herbert Duggan  PT Patrolman (2011)

Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Board of Assessors – Request to Dispose of Equipment:
Barry motioned to allow the Assessors to throw away a Brother – DCP 1000, as it is inoperable. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Ron & LuAnn Benoit – Invite to Anniversary Parade:
Ron & LuAnn Benoit, Co-Chairs West Brookfield Division of the Quaboag 350th Parade Committee, wrote the Board to invite them to be in the Parade on Sunday, September 19th. Barry offered to allow the Selectmen and their families ride in his wagon with his horses. All three Selectmen agreed. Barry will notify the Benoits.

Phyllis Davis – Request to Use Town Common:
Ms. Davis emailed the Board requesting permission to use the ball field on the Town Common on July 31st from noon to 3:00pm for a family get together. The Board agreed to allow the use of the ball field, and felt that this request did not warrant a formal vote of the Board.

Alissa Koske – Request to Use Town Common:
Ms. Koske wrote the Board requesting permission to use the Bandstand and Town Common on Saturday, 23 October 2010 for her wedding. Barry motioned to approve Ms. Koskes request to use the Bandstand & Common. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Dillon Boiler Service Co., Inc. – Quote to Repair Town Hall Boiler:
After some discussion, Mike voted to approve Dillon Boiler Service’s quote of $3,495 to repair the Town Hall Boiler. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.
Amy Dugas – Request to Use Electricity for Farmers Market:
Barry motioned to allow the Farmers Market Committee to have access to the electricity on the Common and further to allow the Common Committee to back charge the Selectmen for the cost. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Road Materials Bids for FY11:
Barry motioned to accept the low bids for Road Materials for FY11, with the exception of the fuel bids. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously. The Board agreed to allow the Highway to utilize the State Bids for fuel.

Paul Lupacchino, Fire Chief – Mileage on 2001 Ford Explorer:
The Board questioned the mileage being placed on the 2001 Ford Explorer. Chief Lupacchino provided a printout of the mileage and fuel usage from 9/1/2009 to 5/16/2010. The Board briefly discussed usage of the vehicle by the Fire Department. Mike stated that he would like to see vehicle usage described in the Fire Chief’s job description; similar to what is done with the Police Chief. Chief Lupacchino stated that he was in the process of updating the entire department’s job descriptions and would certainly include language relating to vehicle usage by the department. The Board asked the Chief to have his job description complete by August 1, 2010. The Chief agreed.

 Beautification of Intersections:
Barry talked about creating an Adopt An Intersection Program where companies could install a small business sign on a parcel which they agreed to maintain. The Board agreed it was a good idea and asked Barry to draft an outline of how the program would work. Barry agreed to create a draft for an upcoming meeting.

Executive Session:
Barry motioned to go into Executive Session under reason number 3 to conduct negotiations with non-union personnel; specifically with James Daley with regards to the Highway Superintendent position; and to return into Open Session. Second Mike. The Board voted Mike – yes, Barry – yes and David – yes.

Barry motioned to appoint James P. Daley as Highway Superintendent commencing July 1, 2010; pending a clear CORI check. Mr. Daley will be paid at Grade 16 Step 3 - $60,909.34 and be allowed three (3) weeks vacation starting 1 July 2010. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk