Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting-Regular Session – February 12, 2008

LOCATION: Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: John Tivnan, Barry Nadon, Jr., Tom Long, Johanna Barry, Executive Secretary and members of press.

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

Accept Minutes:
Tom motioned to accept the minutes of January 15, 2008 (Regular Session) and January 29, 2008 (Regular Session), as presented. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Special Use Permit Applications:
Barry motioned to approve Quaboag HS Football Committee’s request to host a fishing tournament on February 23, 2008. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Barry motioned to approve the Chicopee Bass’n Association’s request to host a fishing tournament on July 27, 2008. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Grodsky Service Inc. – Quote to Replace Two (2) Heating Pumps:
Barry motioned to accept Grodsky Service Incorporated’s quote of $9,500 to replace two (2) of the four (4) heating pumps located at the WBES; noting that the repairs appear to be critical to the provision of heat at the WBES. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

JENZ, Inc. – Change of DBA (Liquor License Form 43):
Barry motioned to approve the Change of DBA for Jenz, Inc., as requested. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

MMA – Local Aid Resolution to Set Minimum Local Aid Levels:
Tom motioned to send letters of support to set minimum local aid levels. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Town of North Brookfield – Regionalized Police Complex:
Barry motioned to table North Brookfield’s request to meet to discuss a regionalized police complex; noting recent votes in North Brookfield to build their own station. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously. Barry motioned to send a letter to the Warren Board of Selectmen noting West Brookfield’s interest in a possible regionalized police complex. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

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Teamsters Union Local 170 – DPW Voluntary Recognition Letter:
Tom questioned whether or not a new hire was able to sign a Union enrollment card. Noting that Local 170 had received enrollment cards from all members of the highway staff and would have a majority regardless of the new hire issue, Tom motioned to voluntarily recognize Local 170. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Library Window Repairs:
Barry motioned to reconsider the previous funding vote on the refurbishing of the Library windows. Second Tom, for discussion. Tom stated that he still believed that the money should come out of the Building Maintenance Account. The Board voted unanimously. Barry motioned to use the $35,000 offered by the Library Board of Trustees and to pay the balance out of the Building Maintenance Account. Second Tom. The Board voted Barry & John – yes, Tom – no.

Fire Relief Association – Permission to Sell 1972 Maxim Fire Truck:
After much discussion, the Fire Relief Association asked the Selectmen to sell the 1972 Maxim Fire Truck, rather than the Relief Association accepting it in donation. The Association stated that the costs to maintain the vehicle would be too high for them. The Association noted that there had been problems with the Title; however the Chief was in taking corrective measures with the RMV. The Fire Department offered to help advertise the sale of the truck on the Town’s behalf. Barry motioned to allow the Fire Department to assist with the sale of the truck; noting that all advertising must be approved by the Board. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Keiths, Reims & Milligans – Potential Property Auctions:
The Board briefly spoke about several residents who had expressed interest in purchasing tax title properties adjacent to their lots. The Board agreed to work on this over the next few months.
Executive Session – Police Union Strategy Session for Union Negotiations:
Tom motioned to go into Executive Session under reason number three (3) to conduct a preparation session for upcoming Police Union Negotiations. The Board also noted that they would be discussing legal issues with 15 Church Street and 2 New Braintree Road – properties for-closed on by the Town Treasurer. The Selectmen will adjourn directly thereafter. Second Barry. The Board voted Barry – yes, Tom – yes and John – yes. (Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Clerk