Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – October 5, 2010  

LOCATION: Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Meeting Room  
TIME: 6:15PM  
PRESENT: Barry Nadon Jr., Mike Frew, Johanna Barry - Executive Secretary, local access t.v. and members of the press.  

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

Accept Minutes:  
Mike motioned to accept the Minutes of September 7, 2010 (Regular Session); as presented. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.  
Mike motioned to accept the Minutes of September 7, 2010 (Executive Session); as presented. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.  

Leah Shattuck, Animal Control Officer (ACO):  
(*Lynda Plante, Jaclyn Von Bleicken and Laura – Clover Hill Kennel) The Board spoke with the ACO about loose dogs in town. The ACO stated that she does not receive an enormous amount of loose dog reports. She stated that owner have been quite responsive to her initial requests to restrain their pets; most do not require a follow up visit. Lynda Plante stated that she walks her dog regularly and frequently encounters loose dogs. She admitted that she was lax about calling the ACO because by the time she arrived back home the dog would most likely not be in the same location. The Board agreed to look at stiffer penalties for loose dogs. The Board asked the ACO to do a little research to see what neighboring communities are charging. The Board agreed to attempt to send information on any new regulations out with the dog license renewal requests.  

Gordon DeWolf – Walkers Farm APR:  
Mr. DeWolf discussed the upcoming APR on Walkers Farm; located on New Braintree Road. Mr. DeWolf informed the Board that the Conservation Commission had voted to expend a small amount of money in support of the project. Mr. DeWolf also provided the Board with a brief overview of the Open Space Committee’s activities relative to updating the Open Space & Recreation Plan.  

Jim Daley, Highway Superintendent:  
Superintendent Daley provided the Board with a quote from Richard Chaffee for $2,500 for drainage work on Stagecoach Road. The Board asked Mr. Daley to provide the quote to Doreen Finlay.  
Superintendent Daley stated that MassDOT had been in touch with him recently regarding the state of the School Street Intersection Project. After some discussion, the Board asked Superintendent Daley to speak with the MassDOT to inquire about placing an article on the May 2011 ATM for engineering costs, in an effort to let the Town decide the fate of the project. The Superintendent was asked to find out what MassDOT’s timeframes were for this project.  
Resident of Lake Street asked that the Board consider installing a cross walk on Lake Street; in front of Von Bleicken’s home. After some discussion, Mike motioned to have Superintendent Daley pursue the possibility of installing a cross walk in front of Von Bleicken’s home on Lake Street with the Police Chief. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.  

Appointments/Resignations:  
The Board agreed to pass over the appointment request for an MBI Rep.  
Mike motioned to accept Marc Astrella’s resignation from the Highway Department with regret. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.  
After some discussion, Mike motioned to advertise for a driver/laborer/mechanic. In the meantime, Duane Cassavant will act as Interim-Foreman and receive the appropriate compensation. The Board agreed revisit the position of Foreman after the new employee has been hired and working for a period of time. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.  

Friends of the Bandstand Committee:  
Sue LaBarge inquired if the Board would consider individuals living outside of West Brookfield for appointment to the Friends of the Bandstand Committee. The Board agreed that they had no objection to residents from out of town.  

Personnel IMA:  
The Board agreed to pass over this issue pending a full Board.
Knights of Columbus – Tootsie Roll Drive:
Mike motioned to approve the Knights of Columbus’s request to host a Tootsie Roll Drive on October 9th and 10th to raise money for handicapped citizens. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk