Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – October 19, 2010

LOCATION: Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Meeting Room
TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: David Eisenthal, 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:
Barry motioned to accept the Minutes of August 24, 2010 (Regular Session) and September 21, 2010 (Regular Session); contingent upon approval from Sergeant Charles Laperle. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously, with Barry & Mike abstaining from the DOG HEARING portion of these Minutes.

Barry motioned to accept the Minutes of October 5, 2010 (Regular Session); as presented. Second Mike. The Board voted Barry and Mike – yes, David abstain.

Rodney Arvid Josephson – Finance Forecasting Budgeting:
Mr. Josephson spoke with the Board about Harry S. Dent Jr.’s forecasting trends based on historic data.

Leah Shattuck, Animal Control Officer – Follow Up Loose Dog Issue:
Ms. Shattuck stated that she had called several local ACO’s to obtain information on fees. She discovered that she was able to charge a $25 daily boarding fee. She stated that the MA Law appears to allow for a warning for a first violation of a loose dog, $75 second and $100 third violation. Ms. Shattuck told the Board that she would be following up to see if there was a fee for lack of rabies. She also noted that she could write a non-criminal citation for dogs defecating on public property. Ms. Shattuck told the Board that she would have more information in the next week or two.

Ann Dick – Shed Issue:
Ms. Dick explained to the Board that she was trying to get the Post Office to deliver her mail to her home, but believed that Mr. Carlson’s shed was impeding the turn around and thus not allowing rural mail delivery. Zoning Officer Simeone explained that it appeared Mr. Carlson’s shed had been erected more than six (6) years prior and was outside the statute of limitations (MGL C48) for action by the Zoning Officer. Ms. Dick told the Board that she wanted them to widen the roadway based on information in various deeds. The Board explained that the way is private and thus a civil issue. The Board told Ms. Dick that if she found evidence that the shed was erected within the last six (6) years they would revisit her request for action by the Zoning Officer.

Appointments/Resignations:
The Board opted not to appoint an MBI Representative at this time.

Barry motioned to appoint Eric Tunley to the Conservation Commission. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed filling the current vacancy on the School Committee, left by Louise Fecteau. The Board noted that they have thirty (30) days to fill the vacancy.

The Board questioned the advertisement dates of the recent highway vacancy. The Board asked the Executive Secretary to get the dates and deadline for the mechanic/driver/labors position.

Personnel IMA:
The Board noted that they would be discussing the Personnel IMA at the next Regional Selectmen’s meeting.

Madaline Arn, Chair – White Christmas in West Brookfield:
The Board reviewed information sent about White Christmas from Chairman Arn.

Special Use Permit:
Barry motioned to approve a Special Use Permit for the Central Mass Smallmouth on 7/30/11. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Historical Commission – Activities on Scenic Roads:
The Historical Commission wrote the Board to express their concern about recent activities on scenic roads; specifically tree removal on Wigwam Road. The Commission asked the Board to keep them apprised of any upcoming activities on Scenic Roads.
Financial Management Review by DOR:
David asked the Executive Secretary to follow up with the Department of Revenue on the Boards request for a Financial Management Review.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk