Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – December 2, 2008

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

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

Accept Minutes:
David motioned to accept the minutes of November 10, 2008 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

David motioned to accept the minutes of November 10, 2008 (Executive Session), as submitted. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Tom motioned to accept the minutes of November 18, 2008 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Police Spatial Needs Committee – Update:
(Bob Benson, Lester Paquette, MJ Haesche, Walter Ambach and Lindsey Smith.)
The Committee provided the Board with information on 5 Foster Hill Road; identified by the Committee as a feasible site for the erection of a new police station. The Committee stated that the site would allow for a 6,000’ square foot two story building and fifteen (15) parking spaces. They noted that it would also provide for vegetative buffers. The Committee felt that the site was premium commercial property and ideal for a police station. MJ Haesche stated that it would cost approximately $300 per square foot to build a new facility. The Board took the information under advisement and asked that the Committee wait for further instruction from the Selectboard. Tom asked the Executive Secretary to obtain copies of the Police Spatial Needs minutes for 2008.

Warren Board of Selectmen:
The Board inquired about the possibility of regionalizing positions/services in West Brookfield and Warren. Both Boards agreed it merited further dialogue. Each Board agreed to narrow the discussions to one (1) area each.

Re-Certification of Students Living in West Brookfield:
The Board met with the Interim-School Superintendent and members of the Quaboag School Committee. Both the Warren and West Brookfield Selectmen stated that it is their primary goal to have the students count accurate for FY10. Interim School Superintendent Ted Malvey asked for a list of the 33 unaccounted for students. The Board stated that the Town Clerk would provide a list to the school within the next couple of days. Interim Supt. Malvey stated that he was confident that the School District could account for the 33 students. The Board inquired about the possibility of giving the Board of Registrars access to the same information utilized by the School District in an effort to resolve any discrepancies. Interim Supt. Malvey stated that he would look into the legality of providing the Registrars with access to the system. Tom motioned to send Robert Spera a letter of thanks for all of his due diligence with regards to the school census. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

2001 Crown Victoria Auction:
David motioned to accept the sole bid of $1,002 from Melanie Harnois. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

United Bass Anglers – Special Use Permit:
David motioned to approve United Bass Anglers Special Use Permit for 9/12/09. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Draft Cellular Telephone Policy:
The Executive Secretary provided the Board with a REVISED Draft Cell Phone Policy. The Board took the information under advisement.

CBIS – 34 Pleasant Street Property:
CBIS sent the Board an email inquiring if the Town would like to purchase 34 Pleasant Street. The Board took the request under advisement.

Appointments:
David motioned to appoint Jane Dolan as a Registrar. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.
Highway Union Negotiations:
David motioned to go into Executive Session under Reason #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; specifically the Highway Department, to hold a conference call with Counsel about litigation on McMullen’s Dog Hearing Resolution and to adjourn directly thereafter. Second Tom. The Board voted David – yes, Barry – yes and Tom – yes. (Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman                       Vice Chairman                       Clerk