Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – March 15, 2011

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

Accept Minutes:
Mike motioned to accept the minutes of February 8, 2011 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Amy Dugas – Farmers Market:
Upon approval from Police Chief O'Donnell, Mike motioned to allow the Farmers Market to open on May 25, 2011 with a start time of 3:00pm and end time of 6:30pm. The Market will be responsible for placing cones on the Route 67 side of the Common from 6:15pm to 6:45pm to allow vendors to exit the Common. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Police Chief, C. Thomas O'Donnell – Statewide Mutual Aid Contract:
Upon recommendation from the Police Chief, Mike motioned to adopt the following statutes: MGL c 40, s4J – Statewide Public Safety Mutual Aid Agreement and MGL c48 s59A – Statewide Fire Mutual Aid Agreement. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Chief’s FY12 proposed budget.

The Board asked the Chief for input on the applicants for the Pre-Design RFP for the Fire & Police Spatial Needs Project.

Paul Spencer, Chair Library Board of Trustees – Stipend for Director:
Mr. Spencer and other members of the Library Board of Trustees asked the Board to consider approving a $1,500 Performance Stipend for the current Library Director. After some discussion, Mike motioned to support a $1,500 stipend for the Director. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Jim Daley, Highway Superintendent:
The Board discussed the proposed job description for the Highway Foreman. Barry stated that he would like to see the job description re-written similar to the Town of Rutland. Supt. Daley agreed to re-write the job description and stated concerns about the current Foreman losing income with the standstill on the pay adjustment. Barry motioned to pay the current Foreman retroactive to February 8th once the job description is adopted by the BOS. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Superintendents FY12 budget proposal.

Superintendent Daley expressed concern with a recent contamination with the anti-freeze recycling at the Drop Off Center. He stated that the center incurred a large bill to remove the contaminated liquid. Noting no previous issues, the Drop Off Center will closely monitor the situation.

The Supt. agreed to assist the Knights of Columbus install signage at the east and west entrances to the Town on Route 9; similar to those posted by the Lions Club and Rotary.

The Supt. briefly discussed the ongoing dialogue with MADOT regarding the redesign of Route 67/School Street/Wickaboag Valley Road.

Brett Kustigian & Joe Scanlon – Quaboag Regional School District FY12 Budget:
The Board discussed the School Districts proposed FY12 Budget with school officials.

Ryan Quigley, 37 Woods Road – Cable Across Wood Road:
The Board took Mr. Quigley’s complaint under advisement and will discuss the issue further at their next scheduled meeting.

Appointments/Resignations:
Mike motioned to appoint Mandy Morrison-Allen to the Technology Committee. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike accepted David Eisenhal's resignation from the QVBAC. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to appoint Alix McNitt to the QVBAC. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.
Requests to Use Town Common:
Mike motioned to allow the AFHC Committee permission to use the Common on May 21, 2011. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to allow the Congregational Church permission to use the Common on June 11, 2011. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Special Use Permit:
Mike motioned to approve Northern Bass Alliances request for a Special Use Permit on October 2, 2011; as submitted. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Town of Ware – Gala Parade:
At the invite of the Town of Ware, the Board agreed to include Barry Nadon’s horse and carriage in Wares parade. The Selectmen will ride in the carriage.

Quaboag Historical Society – Fire Protection Assistance Request:
At the request of the Historical Society, Mike motioned to pay 50% (Town’s share: $1,147.50) of the cost associated with fire protection; as outlined in Bill Jankin's letter to the Board dated February 10, 2011. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

MASSPIRG – Bottle Bill Support Request:
Mike motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute a Resolution in Support of Updating the MA Bottle Bill; as proposed by MASSPIRG. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Assistant Electrical Inspector Vacancy:
Under advisement.

The Board adjourned at approximately 9:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk