Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting-Regular Session – May 20, 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:
Tom motioned to accept the minutes of April 22, 2008 (Regular Session) and April 22, 2008 (Executive Session), as presented. Second Barry. The Board voted Barry & Tom – yes, David - abstain.

Rocco & Ann LoRicco – Rural Residential Bylaw Issues:
Rocco & Ann LoRicco, 341 W Main Street, stated several concerns to the Board about the “Kemp” farmstand located on Rte 9. The LoRicco’s stated that they did not feel the stand was operating appropriating under their current licensing, that the owners were hauling gravel out of the area on the weekends, that cement barriers were not allowed on the property, that a bulldozer and trailer had “For Sale” signs on them – which was not allowed, potential camping was taking place on the property and that the owners were tampering with the nearby beaver dam. Mr. LoRicco stated that he believed the ZBA had issued a permit with restrictions listed. The Board agreed to look into the complaints.

Central MA EMS – Heart Safe Community:
Ms. Diane Barletta, Assistant Director of Central MA EMS, presented the Town with a Heart Safe Community Award. Ms. Barletta credited Paul Lupacchino, President of the Rescue Squad for his efforts in obtaining this prestigious award.

Highway Superintendent – Tree Removal Issues/Paving Behind Library:
The Board asked the Supt. to view a potential tree issue near #14 John Gilbert Road.

The Board talked with the Supt. about possible tree issues near Steve Kupstas residence and also the need to unplug the nearby catch basin.

Tony Fernandes asked the Supt. to cut down a dead tree near his home and also to plant a replacement tree. The Supt. agreed.

The Cemetery Commissioners wrote a letter thanking the Highway Department for their assistance with the recent disposal of debris from sixteen pine trees which were cut down in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

The Board re-affirmed that the paving behind the Library would take place before July 14 and that the Highway would cover the cost of the paving. The Board asked that the Supt. look into relocating the handicapped parking spots on Cottage Street to insure ADA compliance.

The Board asked residents to consider sponsoring a town planter. Those interested should contact the Highway.

Resignations/Appointments:
Tom motioned to accept Jeff Belangers resignation from the Advisory Committee, with regret. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

David motioned to accept Mary Beth Czajas resignation from the Stormwater Authority, with regret. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

David motioned to appoint John Tivnan to the Advisory Committee, for a three year term. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

David motioned to appoint Nicole Allen to the Advisory Committee, for a one year term. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

David motioned to appoint Diane Vayda to the Advisory Committee, for a two year term. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.
**Request to Dispose of Low Value Surplus:**
At the request of the COA Director, David motioned to allow the Senior Center to dispose of a Copystar 1510/1810 that is broken. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

At the request of the Historical Commission Chair, David motioned to allow the Historical Commission to dispose of six old wooden chairs, a 2 drawer metal file for 5” x 8” cards and a broken Canon Portable Copier PC-2. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

**Davis Road Street Light Request – Follow Up:**
The Board reviewed currently pricing from Nationalgrid to install a street light on Davis Road. The Board took the values under advisement and agreed to revisit the issue in the Fall.

**Appointments:**
Tom motioned to appoint the attached list of individuals; as listed. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

**Performance Evaluations/Written Financial Policies/Capital Planning:**
David briefly discussed his desire to develop a performance evaluation process, written financial polices and a capital plan. David asked the Board to set aside time on the next several agendas to being working on these items. The Board agreed.

**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 Selectmen will adjourn directly thereafter. Second David. The Board voted Barry – yes, Tom – yes and David – yes. (Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman  Vice Chairman  Clerk