Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – November 10, 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 September 9, 2008 (Regular Session), as amended. Second Tom. The Board voted David & Tom – yes, Barry – abstain.

Tom motioned to accept the minutes of October 7, 2008 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second David. The Board voted David & Tom – yes, Barry – abstain.

Tom motioned to accept the minutes of October 21, 2008 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second David. The Board voted David & Tom – yes, Barry – abstain.

David motioned to accept the minutes of October 29, 2008 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Water Commissioners – MTBE Settlement:
(Lester Paquette, Barry Nadon Sr. & Bob Benson - Commissioners, Ron Marchessault – Water Superintendent, Wes Cassavant – Water Employee, Marie Arsenaault – Town Accountant, Keith Arsenaault – Town Treasurer, Al Collings – Advisory Committee Chair & Richard Rossman – Historical Commission.) The Board received a written request from the Water Department outlining several areas that they believed should be addressed with the MTBE Settlement money.

1) Well #1 Satellite well 24” gravel pack with submersible pump estimated cost $200,000 not including engineering costs of approximately $50,000

2) Set money aside for well contamination or well development – Well #2 Land? $421,674.

3) Continue replacement of 6” water main from Lindsey Smith’s to North Main Street approximately 1000’ of 12” water main with fittings est. $130.00 per foot total $130,000.

4) Water Loans:

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After some discussion, the Board agreed to ask the Advisory Committee to set up a meeting with the Water Department, Treasurer, Accountant and Selectboard for further discussion.

Highway Foreman – Driveways On John Gilbert Road – Post Paving:
The Board spoke briefly with the Foreman about the finish work; specifically the driveway openings, on John Gilbert. Barry stated that the Highway had cut through Laviolette’s electric dog fence recently while repairing their driveway apron. The Foreman stated that he would get in touch with the Laviolette’s and make arrangements to repair the electric dog fence.

Resignations:
Tom motioned to accept Denise Farmosa’s resignation as the Library Assistant for Children’s Services. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Tom motioned to accept Ed Kwasniewski’s resignation, with regret, from the Conservation Commission. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Special Use Permit:
David motioned to approve the Bare Hill Angler’s Special Use Permit for 7-11-09, as submitted. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Madeline Arn, Chair – White Christmas:
Ms. Arn sent the Board information about the 16th Annual White Christmas to be held on Sunday, December 7, 2008.
Estimate to Gravel/Grade White Birch Drive:
David motioned to approve the graveling/grading of White Birch Drive for an estimated cost of $3,000. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Fire Chief – New Dry Hydrants:
Chief Batchelor submitted a written status of four (4) newly installed dry hydrants on Shea Road (Sucker Brook), High View Camp Ground (pond in campground), Old North Brookfield Road (Brook/swamp at town line) and Rte 9 at Honey Bee Orchards (Coy Brook); which were sponsored by an article in the amount of $4,500.

Pre-Buy Fuel Contract:
Noting that fuel prices have dropped significantly since late summer, David motioned to send Sherman Oil a letter asking them to consider providing some relief to the Town & residents who pre-bought fuel in light of the recent shift in the economy. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Expense Freeze/Hiring Freeze:
The Board briefly discussed ways to conserve money in FY09. One suggestion was to ask departments to return 5% of their expense budget at the end of the fiscal year. The Board agreed to meet with the Advisory Committee to gain support and/or ideas.

Highway Union Negotiations:
David motioned to go into Executive Session, along with the Town Accountant, under Reason #3 To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; specifically the Highway Department 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 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman                                Vice Chairman                            Clerk