Town of West Brookfield - Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – October 23, 2007

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

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

Accept Minutes:
Barry motioned to accept the minutes of October 9, 2007 (Regular Session), October 9, 2007 (Executive Session) and October 15, 2007 (Regular Session), as presented. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Police Chief, C. Thomas O’Donnell – New Part Time Hires:
Upon the recommendation of the Chief, Tom motioned to appoint Ms. Kara Hartung of Spencer and Mr. Eric Iwaniec of West Brookfield as part time police officers. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Mary Koval – Road Maintenance Issues:
Ms. Koval, 23 Long Hill Road, asked the Board several questions relating to who, how and why certain roads are chosen for roadwork. Ms. Koval stated that she was trying to educate herself about the process and was not providing any criticism at this time. Ms. Koval asked the Board to provide her with a copy of CMRPC’s Road Study. The Board agreed to provide a copy to Ms. Koval. Ms. Koval also questioned the Board about the proposed canoe launch being proposed by the Department of Fish and Game. The Board stated that the project was on hold, however, further stated that they would notify Ms. Koval of any future meetings discussing the proposed launch site.

Tom motioned to reaffirm the Board’s decision to use the $150,000 recently appropriated at the STM for drainage on Lyons, John Gilbert and Ragged Hill Roads. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Corrine Delaney, Chair QHSFC – Request for Pep Rally/Bonfire on the Common:
The Board stated that they had asked for input from various departments with regards to the QHSFC’s request to host a Bonfire on the Common. After some discussion, Barry motioned to tentatively approve the request as long as the following conditions are met: 1) Two (2) police officers must be hired, per Police Chief, O’Donnell. 2) Two (2) portable toilets would need to be rented and placed on the Common during the event. 3) The QHSFC would need to provide insurance for the event in the amounts of $1M & $2M. 4) The QHSFC would have to comply with all BOH (i.e. food sales) and Fire Department (i.e. size of fire, clean wood, hours of fire) Regulations. 5) The QHSFC would be responsible for the cleaning of the Common the next day, including the replacement of stone dust and reconstruction of the baseball diamond due to any damage caused by the bonfire. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously. The Board asked that the QHSFC work with the Executive Secretary and return to the next meeting on November 6, 2007 for final approval by the Board.

Candy Spencer – Thank You to Dunkin Donuts:
Ms. Spencer wrote Dunkin Donuts thanking them for addressing neighbors concerns with early trash pick up noise and lighting. The Board noted their appreciation for the company resolving the issues with minimal intervention from the Town.

Special Use Permits:
Barry motioned to approve a Special Use Permit, as presented, for the Central Mass Smallmouth. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Cynthia Norden, COA Director – Inclement Weather Policy:
Tom motioned to approve Ms. Norden’s request to notify Tri-Valley, Inc. to adhere to the Council’s Inclement Weather Policy and the Town’s Adopted Holiday Schedule. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Marie & Raymond Rich – Land Donation Offer:
Mr. & Mrs. Rich wrote the Board offering to donate their property located at 17 Brook Drive to the Town. Barry motioned to have the Haz Mat Coordinator view the site and provide the Board with a written report before rendering a decision. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Brad Quigley – Status of Road (Prouty to Woods):
Mr. Quigley emailed the Board asking the status of the dirt road that runs between Prouty and Woods Road. The Board agreed to ask the Town Clerk for a status.
Police Union Negotiation Preparations:
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 Tom. The Board voted Barry –yes, Tom –yes and John –yes. (Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Clerk