Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – February 23, 2010

LOCATION: Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: Tom Long, David Eisenthal, Barry Nadon, Jr., Johanna Barry - Executive Secretary and members of press.

Call To Order: 6:15PM - The meeting was called to order by Tom at 6:15pm.

Accept Minutes:
David motioned to accept the minutes of December 29, 2009 (Regular Session). Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

350th Committee – Handmade/Hand Painted Benches:
Several individuals, including Daniel Sykes, Dennis Martin, Sandy Martin, Gail Magwood, Alan Weeks, Rob & Ruth Lyon, William & Louise Jankins, Lisa Careau and several other individuals, spoke with the Board about the fate of several wooden benches made for the 350th Ball. The conversation revolved around differences of opinions as to the agreed upon disposition of the benches; and also ownership of the property. The Board asked all involved parties to meet and try to come to an agreement as to the disposition of the property by their next meeting scheduled for March 9th. Should an agreement be unable to be reached the Board stated that they would contact legal counsel for assistance. Barry motioned to table further discussion until March 9th.
Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Thank You Letter from Elizabeth Kozik:
Ms. Kozik wrote the Board to thank their Executive Secretary for her assistance with restoring their streetlight lens to its original configuration.

Quote from Lagrant Electric for COA:
COA Director, Cynthia Norden submitted a quote from Lagrant Electric to install three (3) exterior flood lights at the Senior Center. The COA currently uses the fire departments flood lights for evening events; including elections. The Board agreed to pay for the lights out of the Town Building Maintenance Account; but asked for two (2) additional quotes.

Reschedule Common Committee – Farmers Market Issue:
The Board rescheduled the Common Committee for Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 6pm in the Lower Level Conference Meeting Room to discuss the request to start a Farmers Market on the Town Common. Tim Morrell was present and noted that the Agricultural Commission should be notified about the meeting. The Board will notify the Commission accordingly.

Highway Superintendent:
The Board rescheduled the Highway Superintendent due to the snow storm.

15 Minute Parking in front of Plantation Country Store:
After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to move the “15 Minute Parking” signs off of the walk rails in front of Plantation Country Store and Curves to sign posts. The Board will notify the Highway accordingly.

Erik Shaffer – USDA:
Mr. Shaffer spoke with the Board about a complaint received on the depletion of water in front of Foleys house on Route 67. The Board noted that the fire department had installed a drywell in the pond. After some discussion, the Board agreed to try to employ the USDA to assist in building a “dam” to re-create a small pond. Mr. Shaffer stated that this project could be included in the USDA’s most recent Contract request of $2,500; submitted earlier in the week. The Board took the Contract under advisement and noted that it would need to be executed before the spring.

Police Union Negotiations:
Barry motioned to go into Executive Session under reason #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; specifically the Police Union, and to adjourn directly thereafter. Second David. The Board voted Barry – yes, David – yes and Tom – yes.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk