Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – March 22, 2011

LOCATION: Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Meeting Room
TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: Barry Nadon Jr., Mike Frew, David Eisenthal, Johanna Barry - Executive Secretary, local access t.v. and members of the press.

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

Accept Minutes:
David motioned to accept the minutes of February 25, 2011 (Regular Session). Second Barry. The Board voted David and Barry – yes, Mike - abstain.

Status of Wood Road:
The Board explained to Brad, Cheryl and Ryan Quigley that the Town had researched the status of Wood Road. The Town Clerk could not locate a layout nor any discontinuance/abandonment paperwork relative to Wood Road. The Board noted that the Town Clerk had no record of Wood Road as a public way; and that the MA DOT’s records agreed with the Town. As such, the Board took the position that the road’s status is private. The Board told the Quigley’s that the Town’s legal counsel would look at any additional information that they wished to submit to the Town. The Quigley’s thanked the Board for their research. The Board provided them with copies of both entities public road status documents.

Road Projects Advisory Committee:
(Bill King, Keith Arsenault, Jim Daley & Mike Frew members present.) The Committee presented a written report to the Board of Selectmen with regards to strategies for road repair. After some discussion, the Selectmen agreed to consider including an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant relative to road repair. The Board agreed to discuss potential articles with the Advisory Committee on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Highway Superintendent:
Supt. Daley informed the Board that he was looking into performing line painting “in house” this year.

Supt. Daley asked the Board to consider purchasing a compactor for the Highway. The Board agreed to allow the Supt. to purchase a compactor out of the Town Road Maintenance Account; and to place an article on the ATM Warrant to refund the money to the Account from the Road Machinery Account.

Mike motioned to accept the revised Foreman’s job description; as submitted by the Supt. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to appoint Duane Cassavant as Interim-Highway Foreman and to include his now $80 per pay period stipend into his base pay retro-active to February 8, 2011. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Town Treasurer, VADAR:
Mr. Keith Arsenault, Town Treasurer, provided the Board with an overview and projected cost of the Treasurer and Accountants request to purchase and move to the VADAR system for their respective offices. After some discussion, David motioned to allow the Treasurer and Accountant to pursue VADAR for their offices. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Rachel Wilson – Triathlon July 4th:
Ms. Rachel Wilson approached the Board to inquire about the Town’s ability to provide insurance for a Town sponsored triathlon the weekend of the Town’s Fourth of July celebrations. The Executive Secretary stated that she had talked to the Town’s insurance carrier and that they believed that the general policy, would cover the event. They stated that there may be a small fee involved; but nothing substantial. The Board asked Ms. Wilson to bring forward a list of potential committee members for the Boards review.

Appointments:
David motioned to appoint Barry J. Nadon, Sr. as Animal Inspector. Second Mike. The Board voted David and Mike – yes, Barry – abstain.
Mike motioned to appoint Kevin Dunivan as Electrical Inspector. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Community Math Day at WBES:
Principal Colleen Mucha notified the Town that the WBES would be hosting Community Math Day on Friday, April 8, 2011. She invited members of the Town to come and talk to the children about how important math is in everyday life. Those interested should contact Ms. Mucha.

ATM Warrant:
The Board reviewed potential articles for the ATM Warrant.

Mike motioned to recess the meeting until 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 so that the Board could meet jointly with the Advisory Committee to discuss the ATM Warrant. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk