Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting-Regular Session – April 22, 2008

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 April 8, 2008 (Regular Session), as presented. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Tom Ashe & Anthony Petrone, Worcester County Sheriffs Office – Reverse 911:
Mr. Ashe & Mr. Petrone provided the Board with an overview of the emergency Reverse 911 system; recently acquired from the Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council by the Worcester County Sheriffs Department. Mr. Ashe presented the Board with a Contract for services at no charge to the Town, noting that costs will be covered through 2010 by a grant. The Board unanimously executed the Contract.

John McCarthy – Paving Behind Library:
(Lisa Careau, Library Director and Mark Jordan, Chair Board of Trustees were present.) Mr. McCarthy expressed his concerns with the plans to pave two (2) parking spots behind the Library, which directly abuts his home. Mr. McCarthy complained about exhaust fumes, running vehicles parked for long periods of time, noise and trash. Mr. McCarthy also noted concerns about the property lines. Ms. Careau stated that the Library was in possession of a “plot plan” which defines the property lines. Library Director, Lisa Careau noted that employees, mostly women, do not leave the library some nights until after 8pm and it is a safety issue to walk way down Cottage Street –especially in the winter months. Ms. Careau offered to install a six foot stockade fence in an effort to alleviate some of the issues. After some discussion, Tom motioned to loam and seed the area and to place “No Parking” signage. No second. Barry motioned to pave two (2) parking spots and to install signage “Library Employee Parking ONLY”. Barry noted that a fence will not be immediately installed; however if the McCarthy feel it is necessary the Library will install a six foot stockade fence. Second John. The Board voted Barry & John –yes, Tom – no.

Resignations/Appointments:
Barry motioned to accept Bev Kenniston’s resignation from the Advisory Committee, with regret, effective May 14th. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Tom motioned to appoint Bev Kenniston to the 2010 Quaboag Anniversary Celebrations Committee, effective May 14th. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Residents of Davis Road – Street Light Request:
Residents of Davis Road submitted a written request to the Board to consider installing a street light on the either pole 11, 12 or 13 – for safety reasons. The Board took the request under advisement.

Ricoh Copier:
Barry motioned to donate the Ricoh FT4527 Photocopier to the WBES; noting that it did not sell in the recent town auction. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

1972 Fire Truck & Police Boat/Trailer & Motor:
The Board agreed to put the 1972 Fire Truck out to bid with a $3,500 minimum bid and to re-list the Police Boat/Trailer & Motor with the same minimum bid.

Executive Session – Police Union Strategy Session for Union Negotiations:
Barry 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 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Chairman Vice Chairman Clerk