Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – December 23, 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 December 2, 2008 (Regular Session), December 2, 2008 (Executive Session), December 10, 2008 (Regular Session) and December 16, 2008 (Regular Session). Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

School Census:  
David explained to the Board that Dr. Malvey, Interim-School Superintendent, stated at the school committee meeting, held on Monday evening, that 30 of the 33 missing students had been identified. He did not, however, release their residency information. David further stated that he had taken the liberty to draft a letter to Mr. Roger Hatch, DOE, outlining the Town’s concerns with the discrepancies in the School Census. The Board agreed to a few minor language changes. David motioned to send the amended letter to Mr. Hatch under the Chairman’s signature – for convenience, due to the holiday schedule. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Directive – 5% Budget Return for FY09:  
The Board agreed to send a letter to all departments asking them to turn back at least 5% of their FY09 budgets to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year; as a result of the state of the economy.

Business Cards:  
The Board briefly discussed acquiring business cards.

Highway Union Negotiations:  
David motioned to go into Executive Session under Reason #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining; specifically the Highway Department request for Holiday Leave Benefits 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 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman __________________  Vice Chairman __________________  Clerk __________________