Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – March 24, 2009

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 February 24, 2009 (Regular Session) and March 10, 2009 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Evaluation Process:
The Board reviewed a draft Job Performance Evaluation created by Barry. The Board agreed to put some time aside in April to work on an Evaluation Process for the Town; including whom, how, when etc.

Appointments/Resignations:
David motioned to appoint Barry Nadon Sr. as Animal Inspector. Second Tom. The Board voted David & Tom – yes, Barry – abstain.

Tom motioned to accept Roger Allen’s resignation letter from the Asparagus & Flower Heritage Committee; with regret. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Asparagus Festival:
The Board noted that this years Festival will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 10am to 4pm.

Special Use Permit:
David motioned to approve a Special Use Permit for Wickaboag Valley Bait & Tackle; as presented. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Library Director – Request for Use of Town Counsel:
Ms. Careau, Library Director, asked for permission to contact Counsel to determine the ownership of the genealogy collection housed at the Library. After some discussion, Tom motioned to provide permission to the Library to use Town Counsel for clarification on the process to be utilized to determine ownership of the genealogy collection in question. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

T&G Response to BOS Complaint Letter about their new Layout:
The Board read the T&G’s response letter into the record.

Lightning Rods for Library:
After some discussion, David motioned to purchase and install lighting rods at the Merriam Gilbert Public Library. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Air Quality Test at WBES:
Tom motioned to commit to paying one half (1/2) of the WBES’s cost to conduct an air quality test as outlined by Covino Environmental Associates, Incorporated. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Executive Session – Highway Union Strategy Session for Union Negotiations:
Tom motioned to go into Executive Session under reason number three (3) to conduct a preparation session for ongoing Highway Union Negotiations. The Selectmen will adjourn directly thereafter. Second David. The Board voted Barry – yes, Tom – yes and David – yes.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman ____________________ Vice Chairman __________________________ Clerk __________________________