Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting-Regular Session – June 3, 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.

Distillation Unit – Correspondence from Richard Chase:
The Board reviewed a letter from Richard Chase suggesting an alternative fuel source for the Town; specifically a distillation unit. Barry noted that the distillation unit is for gasoline and that many of the vehicles have been switched to diesel. After some discussion, David stated that he would be willing to contact WPI who study alternative fuel options, to obtain additional information on the feasibility of taking on this unit for use by the Town and to determine if the Town would be an appropriate operator/user. Tom motioned to allow David to contact WPI. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Appointments:
Tom motioned to appoint Madelyn Tivnan to the Computer Technology Committee. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Quaboag Historical Society – Request To Install Signs:
Tom motioned to allow the Historical Society permission to install five (5) signs “Entering Quaboag Plantation” at the locations listed on the request dated May 29, 2008. Noting: Clarification on Wigwam Rd at Shea Rd…..Wigwam does not intersect Shea…..Ext?

1972 Fire Truck & Police Boat/Trailer & Motor:
The Board received no bids on the Police Boat.
David motioned to accept the only bid on the 1972 Maximum Fire Truck; being $3,500.99 from John Frizzell. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Insurance Bids:
Tom motioned to accept low bid being Berry Insurance for $39,862. Second David. The Board voted unanimously. Other bids included: MIIA $42,979 and Massamont $47,662.

Tom motioned to accept low bid for the Fire/Police policy being CHP Plan (Massamont) for $7,094.30. Second David. The Board voted unanimously. Other bids include: Cabot Risk Strategies MIIA $15,054.

Ricoh Copier:
Noting the WBES was very happy with the donation of the last Ricoh copier, Tom motioned to donate the older version of the Ricoh FT4527 Photocopier located in the Town Hall to the WBES. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner:
The Board noted that the COA had held a very nice dinner at the Salem Cross Inn for the many volunteers at the COA. The Selectmen thanked all those who volunteered at the center and commended Cindy Norden and Betty Frew for their part in hosting the function.

Scrap Metal Disposal at Drop Off:
Barry asked to have the Highway Superintendent placed on the next Selectmen’s Agenda to discuss the current process for disposing of scrap metal at the Drop Off Center – i.e. costs, revenues, volumes.

Executive Session – Police Union Strategy Session for Union Negotiations:
Tom 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 David. The Board voted Barry – yes, Tom – yes and David – yes. (Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Vice Chairman Clerk