Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – December 15, 2009

LOCATION: Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: Tom Long, David Eisenthal, Barry Nadon, Jr., Johanna Barry - Executive Secretary and members of press.

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

The Board asked why the Library had an invoice for lawn care. The Board questioned why the custodian was not performing the work.

Accept Minutes:
David motioned to accept the minutes of November 17, 2009, (Regular Session), as presented. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Barry motioned to accept the minutes of December 1, 2009 (Regular Session), as presented. Second Tom. The Board voted Barry & Tom – yes, David - abstain.

Colleen Mucha, WBES Principal – Facilities Updates:
Principal Mucha told the Board that she had contacted Firestone regarding the rubber roof warranty and the ongoing leaks in the roof. Firestone contacted DP Carney and several areas of the flat roof were repaired. Principal Mucha stated that the roof appeared to be in good shape going forward. Principal Mucha explained that the District was looking into purchasing flushometers to correct issues with the schools toilets, Johnson Control had been employed to study and help correct the heating system and that the re-pointing of the chimney had been awarded to the Paquette’s for $5,000. After some discussion, Barry motioned to pay the $5,000 for the re-pointing out of the Town Building Maintenance Account. Second David. The Board voted unanimously. The Board agreed to set up a future meeting between the Board, the District & Johnson Controls to obtain more information relative to the state of the heating system at the WBES.

Liquor License Renewals:
Barry motioned to approve the following Liquor License Renewals:

Ye Old Tavern
All Alcoholic Innholder - $1,125.00  License Number 136800001

P & S Pizza House
Wine and Malt Common Victualler - $450.00  License Number 136800002

Salem Cross Inn
All Alcoholic Innholder $1,125.00  License Number 136800004

Adams-Coney-Frew American Legion Post #244
All Alcoholic Club License - $350.00  License Number 136800005

Country Corner Citgo, Inc.
Wine and Malt Retail Package Goods Store - $450.00  License Number 136800008

Colonial Heights Spirits, Inc.
All Alcoholic Retail Package Store - $675.00  License Number 136800011

Northeast Pizza
Wine and Malt Common Victualler - $450.00  License Number 136800013

AJT Enterprise dba Main Street Liquors
All Alcoholic Retail Package Store - $675.00  License Number 136800014

China Wok Restaurant
All Alcoholic Common Victualler - $1,125.00  License Number 136800017

Second David. The Board voted unanimously.
**Proposed Fleet Expenses:**
Barry motioned to approve the purchase of a Ford Expedition for the Police Department for $41,125.90 from MHQ. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

After some discussion, Barry motioned to award the electric plow purchase to the low bidder for the Highway. (*Noting: One quote was still outstanding.) Current low bid: DeSantis Garage, Inc. for $3,569.15. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

**Appointments:**
Barry motioned to appoint Brian Charron as Assistant Hazmat Coordinator. Second David. The Board vote unanimously.

At the request of the Police Chief, Barry motioned to appoint Paul Lupacchino as Community Emergency Response Coordinator. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

**Thank You Letters:**
The Stormwater Authority submitted thank you letters to the LWPA; specifically Al Collings & Mary Beth Czaja, for their role in planning and obtaining funding for the 319 Grant and to the Town for allowing the Highway Department to install the stormwater mitigation area on Wickaboag Valley Road. The Authority noted that the Highway performed the work quickly and to the complete satisfaction of the onsite project engineers.

**Dog Hearing – Edmonds:**
Noting that the Police Sergeant had notified the Selectboard that the dog was relocated to the city of Chicopee; the Board considered the matter closed.

**USDA Loan:**
David excused himself; noting his relationship with the Town’s Financial Advisor. (David left the room.)

The Meeting considered the $143,000 principal amount of Water Bond No. R-1, authorized pursuant to Section 8(20) of Chapter 44, of the MGL’s, as amended and supplemented, and being a portion of the $200,000 Water Bonds authorized by a vote of the Town under Article 15 of the Warrant at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting held on May 13, 2008. The Chairman reminded the meeting that it had decided to sell the Bond to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

Thereupon, after full discussion and upon motion by Barry duly made and seconded by Tom it was unanimously voted “that all action taken in arranging for the sale of the $143,000 Water Bond, No. R-1 (the “Bond”), authorized pursuant to Section 8(20) of Chapter 44, of the MGL’s, and by being a portion of the $200,000 Water Bonds authorized by a vote of the Town duly adopted under Article 15 of the Warrant at the Town Meeting held on May 13, 2008, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted;

That said $143,000 loan shall be represented by a single registered bond, No. R-1, which shall be dated as of such date as it is actually delivered to its purchaser against payment to the Town, and shall be payable on the anniversary of its date in annual installments of principal in the amount of $3,575 in each year 2010 to 2049, inclusive;

That the interest rate of the Bond, payable from the date of delivery, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of three and three hundred seventy-five thousandths (3.375) per centum per annum, with payments applied first to interest on the outstanding indebtedness evidenced thereby and next to principal, as further provided therein;

That the Town reserves the right to prepay all or part of the Bond an any payment date without penalty or premium, each such premium payment to be applied to the last principal due thereunder;

That the bid of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA to purchase the Bond at par, bearing interest at the aforesaid rate, being the best bid received for the Bond, be and hereby is accepted, and the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to deliver the Bond to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment therefor; and

That the proceeds of the Bond shall be used for improvements to the Town’s water system.”

The Board voted Tom – yes and Barry – yes.

*David came back into the meeting.

After some discussion, David made a motion to appoint Petrini & Associates as Legal Counsel for the Town. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.
David stated that he wanted to call the Highway Superintendent back in to further discuss several ongoing issues. David briefly mentioned the possibility of Executive Session. The Board asked David to work with the Executive Secretary to provide a written outline to the Superintendent at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. David agreed.

David updated the Board on items discussed at the last Regional Task Force meeting. David noted that the next Task Force meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 6:30pm in the Lower Level Conference Meeting Room in the West Brookfield Town Hall.

The Board agreed to set up a Regional Selectmen’s meeting for Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 6:00pm in the Lower Level Meeting Room located in the West Brookfield Town Hall. The Board asked their Executive Secretary to post the meeting and notify other members accordingly.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk