Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – April 27, 2012

LOCATION: Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Meeting Room TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Barry Nadon Jr., Mike Frew, Mark Long – Selectmen, Johanna Barry – Executive Secretary and members of the press and cable t.v.

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

The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Taylor Caswell, CleanGen partners LLC – Potential Power Purchase Agreement:
Mr. Caswell presented the Board with a sample copy of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). He stated that his company would be able to sell solar power to the Town without supplier costs. He stated that West Brookfield would fall into the West Central Red Zone; which is the western part of the State excluding Springfield and Holyoke. The Town could execute a Contract for KW credits. Pricing could be locked in for twenty (20) years with a small % escalator over the term of the Contract. Mr. Caswell stated that should the solar project on Route 9 get approved it would host 2.2 mega watts (1.7 dc) and could easily supply the Town with all of the power it is currently utilizing. Mr. Caswell further stated that he believed that the Town could still enter into a Contract with i.e. Hampshire County of Governments. CleanGen would supply its power first at the locked price and then the Town would default to its other supplier i.e. Hampshire Electric.

Peter Thamel, 153 East Main Street, questioned the estimated savings to the Town. Mr. Caswell stated that the savings could fluctuate but that the Town could save thousands yearly.

Joy Turturro, East Main Street, asked if Keith Arsenault had been asked for a quote to sell power to the Town. Mr. Caswell stated that his project was a Municipal Project whereas the Arsenault’s project was a Commercial venture. He stated that the Board could in fact ask the Arsenault’s to supply a quote. The Board inquired about potential conflict with Keith elected as Town Treasurer and his wife appointed as Town Accountant. Ms. Turturro inquired as to what panels CleanGen would be using on the Route 9 project. Mr. Caswell stated that they would be using standard panels, but that the brand had yet to be determined.

J.P. Ellery asked Mr. Caswell to explain the relationships of the three (3) companies involved in the Route 9 Project. Mr. Caswell stated that Dunstaburg Holdings, LLC – owns the land, West Brookfield Solar owns and manages the solar equipment and CleanGen acts as the development company.

The Board took the information under advisement.

Al Collings, President LWPA – Lake Issues:
(*Tom Ford and Jim Armstrong were also present.) Mr. Collings spoke with the Board about notice of closing the dam, shallow water postings in the north cove, lake closing decisions and communications, public beach management, monitoring and communication and harbormaster authority and reporting relationships. After much discussion, the Board agreed to ask Town Counsel about the legalities of posting a “No Wake Zone”. The Board also agreed to have the Police and Fire Chiefs into their next meeting to discuss lake issues pertinent to their respective departments.

Bob Datz – Proposed Fall STM Article:
Mr. Datz asked the Board to consider putting an article on the Fall STM Warrant that would allow voters to support a Resolution to ask the US Congress to pass and send to the States for ratification a constitutional amendment to reverse Citizen United v. Federal Election Commission and to restore constitutional rights and fair elections to the people. The Board took his request under advisement.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman ____________________ Vice Chairman ____________________ Clerk ____________________