Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – August 21, 2012

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

Call To Order: 6:25PM - The meeting was called to order by Mike at 6:25pm
The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Accept Minutes:
Barry motioned to accept the minutes of July 24, 2012 (Regular Session), July 24, 2012 (Executive Session), July 31, 2012 (Regular Session) and July 31, 2012 (Executive Session), as submitted. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Auction Results:
Barry motioned to accept three (3) low bids on the 2012 Auction Bid. (Attached) Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Town Treasurer, Keith Arsenault:
Upon recommendation from the Town Treasurer, Barry motioned to allow 90 days (from June 14, 2012) for the occupant to vacant her residence on 75 Ragged Hill Road, which is currently in the foreclosure process. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

The Town Treasurer told the Board that Parcel 4 on Shea Road and Birch Hill currently has outstanding taxes due. Attorney Meilus wrote to the East Quabbin Land Trust to see if there was any interest in purchasing the property. The Treasurer stated that because of the location, few residents nearby and adjacent to other conservation land, it might be a good parcel to acquire at a reasonable price. The Board took the information under advisement.

Highway Superintendent, Jim Daley:
The Superintendent reviewed the status of his current fleet along with his upcoming needs. The Board agreed to pursue making the section of Cottage Street to Roy Terrace public. The Board reviewed a letter from Douglas Cook asking for additional compensation for brush chipping. The Board agreed to send a letter to Mr. Cook explaining that no additional compensation will be paid. The Board read two (2) thank you letters directed at the Highway Department, one from the Brookfield Board of Selectman and one from Jim Faust.

Quaboag School Superintendent, Brett Kustigian and Director of Finance, Joe Scanlon:
Representatives from the School District provided an overview of the building and technology upgrades being accomplished at the WBES. The District stated that they are currently $21,035 under budget but asked the Selectmen to consider using the extra money to cover septic repairs, door repairs, corroded pipes, driveway erosion and sidewalk repairs. After some discussion, Barry motioned to allow the District to use ½ of the excess towards door and pipe repairs and to install a fence and loam rather than to conduct driveway repairs. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Appointments:
Barry motioned to appoint Martha Salem-Leaseca to the Common Committee. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Barry motioned to appoint Edwin Ward to the Computer Technology Committee. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Robin L. Craver, Town Administrator – Charlton:
Ms. Craver wrote to express the Town of Charlton’s sincerest thanks for the recent assistance by the Fire Department to help fight an enormous fire at the Upper Mill located at 6 City Depot Road.

Joy Turturro – Multiple Requests for ZBA Minutes:
After some discussion, the Board agreed to contact Chairman Broschart to inquire about the status of the requested Minutes.

Hampshire Council of Governments – Electricity Petition:
Barry motioned to support Hampshire Council of Government’s joint petition for Municipal Aggregation of Electricity. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:35pm.
Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk