Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – August 23, 2011

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

Call To Order: 6:30PM - The meeting was called to order by Barry at 6:30pm

Gary Simeone, Chair – Computer Technology Committee:
The Board questioned a recent computer purchase by the Town Clerk. After some discussion, the Board agreed to send out a reminder memorandum to all personnel that computer related purchases/maintenance/movement needs pre-authorization from the Computer Technology Committee. The Board further agreed to ask departments to provide the Computer Technology Committee with serial numbers on all current computers.

Accept Minutes:
Mike motioned to accept the minutes of July 26, 2011 (Regular Session) and August 9, 2011 (Regular Session). Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Keith Arsenault, Treasurer – PILOT Quaboag On The Common:
Mr. Arsenault informed the Board that Sheehan Group had purchased Quaboag On The Common on May 1, 2011 and that they are a for-profit company. As a result, the Assessors will be having a professional assessment done to create a tax base for the Group. Chapter 59 discusses non-profit to profit status. There will be pro-forma taxes for May and June, agreed upon taxation for July through January and then taxation based on the professional assessment.

Keith & Marie Arsenault, Ragged Hill Orchard – C61A s14 Waiver Request:
Mr. Arsenault provided the Board with an overview of their proposed solar project. After some discussion, Mike motioned to waive the Town’s option to purchase, under C61A s14, the six (6) acres of property (Map ___ Lot___) in question, as requested by Mr. & Mrs. Arsenault. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Execute IMA for Human Resources:
Mark motioned to approve and execute the IMA for Human Resources, as presented. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

MOU with New Braintree Dispatch Center:
At the request of Police Chief O’Donnell, Mike motioned to approve the MOU with New Braintree Dispatch Center, as submitted. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Quote from Hall Trask Equipment Corporation:
The Board questioned if it would be cheaper to build a sidewalk with lighting and coverage over to the current card reader location than to pay a little over $5, 000 to move the current system. The Board took the quote under advisement pending more information.

Sacred Heart Church – Request for Temporary Road Closure:
Mike motioned to allow Sacred Heart Church to temporarily close Milk Street for their “Double Parish Picnic” to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Second Mark. Noting that the Church should work with the Police and Highway for coordination, the Board voted unanimously.

Approve Sidewalk Plow/Blower Purchase for Highway:
Mike motioned to approve the purchase of a sidewalk plow/blower in the amount of $73,829.50 to be purchased out of the Fleet Account. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Disclosure Form – Barry J. Nadon, Jr., B&N Trucking:
Mike motioned to approve a Disclosure of Financial Interest, as required under MGL 268A s20(c) and s20(d), for Barry J. Nadon, Jr. and his employment with the BOH. Second Mark. The Board voted Mike and Mike – yes, Barry – abstain.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk