Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – August 27, 2013
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall  TIME: 7:00PM
PRESENT:  Mark Long, Diane Vayda and Barry Nadon Jr. - Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Exec Sec.

Call To Order: 7:00PM  - The meeting was called to order by Mark at 7:00pm

Forest Legacy Plan:
(Cynthia Henshaw – EQLT, Gordon Dewolf – Con Comm & Jim Dimaio – Tree Warden)
Cynthia provided the Board with an overview of the Forest Legacy Plan; a Federal Grant. The Grant would provide up to 75% of the assessed value of the land in trade for a Conservation Restriction being placed on the land. The land would require a long term forestry plan and would need to be cleared of unnatural debris before the closing. These grants are very slow moving but the deadline for submission is September 16th. The EQLT is contacting various land owners from the CT border north through New Braintree to seek out interest in inclusion in the grant. Jim stated that he supported the project 100% and that the two identified parcels on Route 9 would lend themselves to excellent forestry management areas. He stated that there are a few uncovered wells and tires and debris in several areas. Gordon noted his support. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of holding a few acres out of the grant for a house/farm. The Board took the information under advisement.

Ms. Turturro asked to speak with the Board. She stated that she had asked the Building Inspector for a copy of a renewed building permit; renewed by Atty. Baird for Sameks at 175 East Main Street according to her conversation with the Building Inspector. Ms. Turturro stated that to date she had not received a copy of this permit. Barry explained that he had spoken with the Building Inspector and that a simple photocopy of the permit was made for Mike Samek, since the family was unable to locate the original permit issued. Ms. Turturro stated that the original permit was eleven (11) years old and was issued to Bobby Jo Samek for a storage building. She asked the Board if this was the permit that the current work was being done under. Barry stated that permits do not expire as long as the individual continues to work on the structure. He further stated that the Building Inspector told him that this was the current active permit. Ms. Turturro stated that the address on this permit was incorrect. Barry re-iterated that no new permits were issued and that the information previously supplied by the Building Inspector was all that was currently on file. Ms. Turturro left the meeting.

Barry stated that he did not want the Executive Secretary to sign for anything outside of the BOS department.

Mark stated that he, as the Fire Department liaison, had met with the Fire Chief, Dan Santos and Bob Benson regarding several issues in the department i.e. radiator repairs, job descriptions, status of current audit and spatial needs. He plans to meet with the Fire Chief again in the near future.

The Board adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

_______________________    _________________________   __________________________
Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk