Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – January 10, 2012

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

Fire Chief, Paul Lupacchino – Appointment Requests:
Upon the recommendation from the Fire Chief, Mike motioned to appoint Clayton Edwards as a Recruit Fire Fighter. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, Mike motioned to appoint Ashley Anderson as a Junior Fire Fighter. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

William Mansfield, Assessor – Staffing:
The Board reviewed a new job description, submitted in conjunction with a step increase request, for Ms. Dimaio. Mr. Mansfield stated that the Board of Assessors would like the proposed increase, from a Grade 5 Step 4 to a Grade 5 Step 7, to be permanent. The Board noted that this was a change from the original request, which requested a temporary increase. The Board asked Mr. Mansfield to provide more information, specifically what new tasks Ms. Dimaio has taken on since the retirement of Mrs. Walker. The Board stated that they were confused about what direction the office was going in, as far as staffing. Mr. Mansfield stated that it is the hopes of the Board of Assessors to restructure and to save the Town between $10,000 -$15,000 yearly, by doing more work “in house”. The Board took the request under advisement until the next Selectmen’s meeting.

Brett Kustigian, Joe Scanlon, Ed Jodoin & Peter Hadley - Facilities Updates for WBES & Quaboag MHS:
Personnel from the Quaboag School District provided information to the Board with regards to technology and facility improvements at the WBES and proposed enhancements at the Quaboag MHS. School personnel reported a run over in the installation of the technology at the WBES but potential savings to offset this from the capital repairs. Mr. Jodoin stated that flooring and painting numbers for the WBES had still not yet been determined. Those present stated that they believed the combined projects would come in at approximately ($2,487) under.

School personnel presented a proposal for technology and facilities improvements to the Quaboag MHS and the Warren Elementary School. Based upon the information presented, the District is looking for $250,830 for technology and $147,000 for facilities from West Brookfield and $1,014,573 from the Town of Warren. The Board took the information under advisement. Superintendent Kustigian stated that he would be attending the Advisory Committee meeting tomorrow night with the same information.

Mark motioned to waive the sixty (60) day waiting period relating to certifying that notice of a $795,000 aggregate principal amount of debt had been authorized for the West Brookfield Elementary School by a vote of the Quaboag Regional School Committee on December 19, 2011. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Resignations:
Mike motioned to accept Alan Bigos’s resignation as Town Common Grounds Keeper. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to accept Alan Bigos’s resignation as Cemetery Grounds Keeper. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Central Corridor Rail Passenger Service Resolution:
Mark motioned to approve the Central Corridor Rail Passenger Service Resolution; as presented. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman ____________________  Vice Chairman ____________________  Clerk ____________________