Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – January 24, 2012

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

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

Accept Minutes:
Mike motioned to accept the minutes December 27, 2010 (Regular Session) and January 10, 2012 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Water Commissioners (Barry Nadon Sr., Lester Paquette and Robert Benson):
The Water Commissioners provided the Board with a status of the Leland Road Well. The Commissioners stated that they would have an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant relative to the engineering/construction of the new well.

The Commissioners stated that they have taken corrective action relative to their financial reconciliations.

Barry Gillogly – Local Access FY13 Budget Request:
The Board reviewed Mr. Gillogly’s FY13 budget request. Barry stated that he would like to see town meetings televised. Mike stated that he did not wish to see town meetings televised as it could impact attendance. Barry stated that he would like to see the meetings shown approximately one week after the actual meeting. Mike stated that he was not in favor of broadcasting the town meeting at all. Mark stated that he did not have an opinion either way. Barry asked about televising the Advisory Committees pre-town meeting conference. The Board agreed to have the Advisory Committees meeting taped and shown on local access. The Board asked that local access tape events such as White Christmas, the Asparagus Festival, Summer Concerts and other community events. Mr. Gillogly stated that he had trouble taping the summer concerts due to the lack of light. Mr. Gillogly stated that he would attempt to tape more events, but that he needed to get more involved individuals with local access.

At the request of the Board, Mr. Gillogly agreed to get quotes for replacement cameras for the LL Conference Meeting Room.

Burial and Common Commissioners – Grounds Keeper Vacancy:
(*Robert Richards, Betty Dimaio & Sarah Allen – Common and John Bartlett & Kevin Roberts – Burial Commissioners)
The Board asked those present if they wanted the Selectmen to inquire about regionalizing the Groundskeeper vacancy. Those present stated that they were in the process of working together to come up with a bid package. The Selectmen asked that those present keep the Board informed about their progress.

Assessors Staffing – Pay Increase Request Continued:
The Board questioned Betty Dimaio, Assessors Clerk, with regards to her additional duties since the departure of Ms. Walker.

The Board thanked Betty for her input and agreed to discuss the Assessors request for her raise at their next meeting.

Resignations:
The Board received a resignation from Madaline Arn from the White Christmas Committee. Mike asked to hold off for a short time in an effort to have Ms. Arn reconsider her resignation request. The Board agreed to table Ms. Arn’s request.

Historical Commission – Weights & Measures Cabinet:
The Board received a letter from the Historical Commission asking the Board to consider auctioning off the Weights & Measures cabinet located in the Town Hall. After some discussion, the Board agreed to keep the cabinet and to ask the Historical Commission to look into placement in the Town Hall and also glass or some other type of protection to display the measures.

Bill & Louise Jankins – Thank you to Highway & Tree Warden:
Bill & Louise Jankins wrote the Board to praise the efforts of the Highway Department, the Tree Warden and Jim Rust in conjunction with the removal of a 100 year old maple tree in front of their home. Mr. & Mrs. Jankins commended all those involved for their professionalism.

Liquor License:
Mike motioned to extend the liquor license for Ye Old Tavern until December 31, 2012; noting the receipt of an executed 304 Inspection Certificate. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman    Vice Chairman    Clerk