Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – June 11, 2013
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall  TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT:  Mark Long, Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (late 6:50pm) and Diane Vayda - Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Exec Sec and members of the press & cable tv.

Call To Order: 6:15PM  - The meeting was called to order by Mark at 6:15pm

The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Accept Minutes:
Diane motioned to accept the minutes of May 28, 2013 (Regular Session) and May 28, 2013 (Executive Session). Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Cynthia Henshaw, EQLT – Pynchon’s Grist Mill – Conservation Restriction:
(Richard Rossman – Historical Commission, was also present.)  After a receiving a brief overview of the project and upon the recommendation of those present, Diane motioned to approve a Conservation Restriction for Pynchon’s Grist Mill. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Jim Dimaio – Tree Warden:
Diane motioned to approve a Contract for Services, specifically for grants, as written by Mr. Dimaio. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of the Tree Warden, Diane motioned to approve a lumber sale to Thibeault Logging for $900. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Rev. David B. Galonek, Pastor – Request to Close Road for Parish Picnic:
Noting that the Police Chief had approved the road closure in the past without incident, Diane motioned to allow the closing of Milk Street, from the junction with West Main Street to just beyond the driveway to the Sacred Heart Rectory between the hours of 11:30am and 4pm on Saturday, June 22, 2013, for the parish picnic. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Thank You’s for Veteran’s Service Officer, S. Patrick Swain:
The Board acknowledged thank you’s for VSO, Patrick Swain from Robert Knight & Leslie Mathieson and the Patriot Guard Riders for the services for Cpl. Knight. The West Brookfield Housing Authority for attending their flag pole dedication ceremony and the donation of a POW flag. Quaboag Regional High School thanked VSO Swain for his part in placing American flags to mark the graves of area veteran’s, in conjunction with students from the High School.

56 Front Street – Lease/Sale Inquiry:
The Board agreed that they were not interested in leasing or purchasing structures on 56 Front Street.

Birch Cove – Private Road Project Request:
Upon the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and Road Projects Advisory Committee, Diane motioned to approve the project request for repairs to Birch Cove. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board took a ten (10) minute recess pending the arrival of the Common Committee.

Common Committee – Events on the Town Common:
(Martha Salem-Leasca, Robert Richard & Betty Dimaio) The Committee stated that they had concerns/questions about events scheduled for the Town Common. They talked about profit v. non-profits, trash, power, agricultural & horticultural events, use of bandstand facilities & porto-potties etc. After some discussion, the Board agreed to ask D. Piechota to attend an upcoming Selectmen’s meeting to get more information about the Primitive Fair scheduled for September.
The Board asked about the status of Rice Fountain. The Committee stated that they are working really hard to get the fountain up and running before the July 4th celebrations on the Common; however the schedule is very tight due to weather etc. The Committee stated that they would like the Board to endorse donating the “ladies” from the fountain to the Historical Society. New castings will be used in the repairs to the fountain. Barry motioned to approve the gifting of the original statues to the Historical Society. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman                             Vice Chairman                      Clerk