Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – May 28, 2013
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall  TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT:  Mark Long, Barry J. Nadon, Jr. and Diane Vayda - Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Exec Sec & 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:
Barry motioned to accept the minutes of April 24, 2013 (Regular Session).  Second Mark.  The Board voted Barry & Mark – yes, Diane – abstain.

Barry motioned to accept the minutes of April 30, 2013 (Regular Session).  Second Mark.  The Board voted Barry & Mark – yes, Diane – abstain.

Diane motioned to accept the minutes of May 14, 2013 (Regular Session).  Second Barry.  The Board voted unanimously.

CMRPC – Rural 11 Prioritization Project:
Trish Settles and Vera from CMRPC provided those present with an overview of the status of the Prioritization Project as it relates to areas within the confines of West Brookfield. They stated that they would be hosting a meeting at Reeds Country Store in New Braintree on June 26th as part of their “farm viability” project. (Gordon Dewolf – Conservation, Richard Rossman – Historical, Keith Arsenault & Melinda Czub – Planning.)

Lions Club – Annual Harvest Festival – One Day Liquor License Request:
Abigail Birch met with the Board to request a One Day Liquor License for the Lions Club for their Annual Harvest Festival scheduled for Oct 5th with a rain date of Oct 6th. Noting that there were no problems last season, Diane motioned to approve a One Day Liquor License for the Lions Club. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Town Treasurer:
Town Treasurer, Keith Arsenault asked the Board to provide him with permission to auction off 75 Ragged Hill Road. Diane motioned to appoint Keith as Custodian of Property for this purpose. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

The Treasurer noted that he had gone out for quotes on the health insurance for employees. He spoke with Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts, Fallon, Hampshire Council of Governments and BCBS. The Treasurer noted that he was able to get BCBS to provide the current health insurance services with no increase for FY13.

Noting that the Town currently has six (6) retirees on Medex, the Treasurer stated that if the Town increased the co-pay amounts that the Town could potentially save between $3,000 - $5,000. The Board agreed to send a notice to those currently enrolled in the Medex program to get their feedback on the proposed changes.

The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. McVeigh inquiring about the lease of a building. Noting that the Town does not own 52 Front Street, the Board asked the Executive Secretary to make contact with Mr. McVeigh for clarification.

Resignations/Appointments:
Barry motioned to accept Lloyd Hubbard’s resignation from the Library Board of Trustees. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Barry motioned to appoint Melanie Merrill to the Library Board of Trustees. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.
Barry motioned to accept Anne Phillips resignation from the Historical Commission and to appoint Craig Burgess and Ed Londergan to the Commission. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

**War Memorial Committee – Thank You:**
The Board read a thank you from the War Memorial Committee to the Highway Department for their assistance with replacing pavers on the War Memorial walkway.

**Tuition Reimbursement Request – Laperle:**
Sergeant Laperle wrote the Board requesting tuition reimbursement for two (2) classes, as agreed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement under Section 26.2. Barry motioned to approve Sergeant Laperle’s request as long as he meets the requirements set forth under Section 26.2. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

**Executive Session – Police Union Negotiations:**
Barry motioned to go into Executive Session under reason number three (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position and to adjourn directly thereafter. Second Diane. The Board voted Mark – yes, Barry – yes and Diane – yes. (Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk