Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – May 29, 2012

LOCATION: Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Meeting Room  TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: Mike Frew, Mark Long, Barry Nadon Jr. – Selectmen, Johanna Barry – Executive Secretary and members of the press and cable t.v.

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

The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Accept Minutes:
Mark motioned to accept the minutes of May 1, 2012 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Mark motioned to accept the minutes of May 15, 2012 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Joe Borlikoski, Harbormaster:
Tom Arnesen asked the Board why they were looking to change the role of Harbormaster. Al Collings stated that the LWPA’s goal was to improve the communication between the Lake and the Town (Harbormaster, Fire, Police and Recreation Departments). Jesse Serrano spoke about the Conservation Commissions role with the opening and closing of the Dam. He further stated that the Red Buoy Systems appears to be working well and that lake residents continue to self police. John Brenner, 127 Lake Shore Drive, asked if the LWPA was in charge of the Lake or is the Board of Selectmen. He expressed his support of Harbormaster Borlikoski. Toni Allard stated that Joe is available 24/7 and is not as limited as the police force. Kathy Pratt stated that she has been in the presence of many of Joes stops and stated that Joe has always been polite. Gerry Allard asked why the Board is looking to fix something that is not broken. Joe Borlikoski asked the Board why he was not included in previous discussions. Mike Frew stated that it appeared that those present believe that the Board is further along in its discussions relative to the Harbormaster. No decisions have been made and the Board is simply listening to ideas and thoughts from various entities. Tom Arnesen asked if certification is required by the Town. He further asked how the certification works. Al Collings stated that certification is required to issue tickets/arrests. Joe Borlikoski stated that he spoke with a Major in the Environmental Police and he was told that he can obtain a ticket book and write tickets just based on the fact that he is appointed by the Selectmen. He stated that he felt that the Recreation Commission should line up inside jobs for the lifeguards so that when it rains they can still work. Many kids depend on the money. Al Collings stated that the lake draw down is based upon a Dam Management Plan created by the LWPA and Conservation Commission. Al stated that according to the Harbormaster a dialogue between the Recreation Department and Harbormaster ceased last year. The LWPA is looking to put regulations in writing, create a phone tree to be published and improve and clarify communication amongst all involved parties. Joe stated that he did not agree with the lowering of the lake times/dates & the same with the buoys. The Board took all of the information under advisement and agreed to notify all parties involved of future discussion dates.

DOG HEARING: Curboy:
The Board swore in those present to testify. Dana Artruc gave the Board a brief overview of the incident. He stated that he was walking his dog and that Ms. Curboy's dog got away from her and attacked his dog. Mr. Artruc stated that his dog had 50 stitches in his juggler area of his neck. He further stated that Ms. Curboy intervened trying to break up the dog fight.

Bonnie Curboy, 24 Madden Road, stated that she had received a dog bite from Artruc’s dog and that she was taken to the hospital via ambulance. Ms. Curboy further stated that the only dogs that run loose in the area belong to the Maskells. When asked by the Artucs if she had Renters Insurance, Ms. Curboy answered “No.” She also stated that she brought her dog to the neighbor who stitched the dogs wound.

ACO, Leah Shattuck, stated that Ms. Curboy had already left by ambulance when she arrived on the scene. She further stated that she believed that initially both dogs were on leashes and that it appeared that Ms. Curboy’s dog got away from her.

After some discussion, Barry motioned to order the following actions be taken by the dog’s owner:

1) The dog (Jamie: Grey & Black Pit Bull Mix) must be fully physically restrained on a leash or chain when outside of the residence. Further the animal must be muzzled at all times when outside of the residence.

2) **Ms. Curboy must erect a containment fence (minimum of 6’ in height)**. Fencing must be pre-approved by the Board of Selectmen and must be installed within two (2) months.

Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.
Ms. Curboy stated that her Lease Agreement specifically will not allow for the installation of a six foot fence. The Board told Ms. Curboy to bring back a copy of the Lease Agreement and the Board would revisit the Order.

**Server Replacement Quotes:**
The Board took the information under advisement.

**Review Auction Package:**
The Board agreed to speak with the Highway Superintendent before publishing the current Auction list.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk