Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – September 20, 2011

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

Accept Minutes:
Mark motioned to accept the minutes of September 6, 2011 (Regular Session). Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Jim Daley, Highway Superintendent – Route 9 Project:
Superintendent Daley and Paul Guertin, Coler & Colantonio Inc. answered questions relating to the proposed Route 9 Project. (Resurfacing & Related Work on Route 9 from the Ware town line to Pierce Road) Superintendent Daley requested $126,007.00 be funded at the upcoming STM; which would provide for engineering services for the initial 25% design. Superintendent Daley told the Board that the engineering costs would be $340,308; which includes the $126,007. Engineering costs are the responsibility of the Town and the TIP Grant will cover construction costs. The Board agreed to provide an article on the upcoming STM Warrant to fund $126,007 out of the General Stabilization Account.

USDA – WILDLIFE SERVICES – COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT:
Mike motioned to allow the Chairman to execute a Cooperative Service Agreement with the USDA for $2,750 for beaver control. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

MassWorks Funds:
Mike motioned to accept any MassWorks Infrastructure Program funds awarded to the Town of West Brookfield. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Doreen Morris – Craft Fair on the Common:
Ms. Morris approached the Board requesting permission to use the Town Common for a Craft Fair. Since Ms. Morris did not have a definitive date, the Board agreed to have Ms. Morris work with the Executive Secretary on details for a future event.

Fire Chief, Paul Lupacchino:
Fire Chief Lupacchino explained to the Board the need for pagers for his department. After some discussion, the Board agreed to leave the Chief’s request for $6,000 on the STM Warrant.

Fall STM Warrant:
Mike motioned to open the STM Warrant. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to hold the STM on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00pm in the West Brookfield Elementary School, 89 North Main Street. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to accept sixteen articles, as submitted, for the STM Warrant and to close the STM Warrant. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Appointments/Resignations:
At the request of the Historical Commission, Mike motioned to appoint Dave Fitzgerald to the Open Space Implementation Committee. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to appoint Louise Garwood to the Historical Commission. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to appoint Keith Arsenault to the Planning Board; until the upcoming Election in May. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Mike motioned to accept the resignation of Lynda D. Plante as Moderator, with deep regret. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Mutual Aid “Opt-In” for Public Works:
Mike motioned to accept the Mutual Aid “Opt In” for Public Works MGL c40 ss4j and 4k. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.
Mortgage Discharge – Mark Jordan/Lisa Careau:
At the request of the Town Treasurer, Mike motioned to approve a mortgage discharge for Mark Jordan and Lisa Careau for consideration of $7,675 paid in full. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Condition of the Playground at the Town Beach:
Noting complaints about the condition of the current playground, the Board agreed to ask the Recreation Commission to obtain quotes to replace the residential play set with a commercial set.

Wood Policy:
Noting several complaints, the Highway Superintendent agreed to work with the Tree Warden to re-write the Wood Policy to include language allowing for abutters to have access to cut wood.

Jonathan Stone Rankin – Dog Order:
Atty. Stone Rankin wrote the Board asking the Board to fine Ms. Dupuis for not installing a six foot fence on her property or to banish the dogs from Town. The Board took the request under advisement pending updates from the ACO and Police Department.

Town Wide Trash Pick Up:
The Board agreed to obtain information from the Town of East Brookfield with regards to the cost associated with town wide trash removal.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk