Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – September 4, 2012

LOCATION: Town Hall – Lower Level Conference Meeting Room TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Mike Frew, Mark Long, Barry J. Nadon, Jr. – Selectmen, Johanna Barry – Exec Sec and members of the press and cable t.v.

Call To Order: 6:25PM - The meeting was called to order by Mike at 6:25pm
The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Accept Minutes:
Mark motioned to accept the minutes of August 7, 2012 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Mike. The Board voted Mark & Mike – yes, Barry - abstain.

Residential Electricity:
Donna French, Kathy Hosley, Debra Healey & Eva Brodeur – Viridian Energy provided the Board with an overview of their company’s residential electric options.

DOG HEARING – Bliss:
Mike opened the Hearing at 6:50pm. Mike read the Notice and sworn in all parties.

William & Shirley Blanchard stated that the Bliss’s dog was loose and threatening. They described the incident that took place on August 27, 2012. Kenny Bliss stated that he has been ill and that his dog did get away from him. He stated that he would abide by whatever the Selectmen Order. ACO Shattuck stated that she felt the dog had accidentally gotten loose.

Barry motioned to close the Hearing. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously. Barry motioned that the Bliss’s dog (Sydney – Pit Bull) must be fully physically restrained on a leash or chain when outside of their residence. If their dog is found outside loose, the Selectmen reserve the right to revisit this Order and may force them to install containment fencing for their dog. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously. The Board thanked everyone for their cooperation.

Common Committee – Care Takers Position:
Robert Richard and Elisabeth DiMaio asked the Board to consider returning the Common Committee’s Care Takers position back to a stipend post. After some discussion, the Board agreed to keep the Care Takers position as an outside vendor. The Board told the Common Committee that they would reconsider this request if the quotes for next year came in extraordinarily high.

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

Barry motioned to hold the STM on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00pm in the WBES Cafeteria. Second Mark. The Board voted unanimously.

Thank You:
Linda Carpenter & Vivian Acosta wrote to thank Police Chief O’Donnell, Patrolman Swain, EMT Boos, BMT White, EMT Howe and Ware ALS for their assistance with a medical call (bee stings) at their residence.

Marcy L. Reed, Nationalgrid, wrote to thank Mike Frew, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Jim DiMaio, Tree Warden for their kind words they had for their arborist Eric Gemborys.

The Brookfield Board of Selectmen wrote the Board to express their appreciation for the Fire Departments recent assistance at the fatal dwelling fire at the Quaboag Apartments in Brookfield.

The Selectmen echoed their appreciation for each of the incidents listed above.

Robert Bents – Right of Way Issue:
The Board agreed to send Mr. Bents request to Town Counsel.

James Aprea, CAP Advocate:
Mr. Aprea asked the Board to consider installing an audible signal on the street crossings located on Route 9/Central/Cottage Streets. The Board agreed to inquire if the CAP Advocate was aware of any funding for this request.
Executive Session:
Barry motioned to go into Executive Session under reason #2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and to adjourn directly thereafter. Second Mark. The Board voted Barry – yes, Mark – yes and Mike – yes.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk