

## **Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – March 23, 2010**

LOCATION: Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room TIME: 6:15PM

PRESENT: Tom Long, David Eisenthal, Barry Nadon, Jr., Johanna Barry - Executive Secretary and members of press.

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

### **Accept Minutes:**

Barry motioned to accept the minutes of March 2, 2010 (Regular Session). Second Tom. The Board voted Barry & Tom – yes, David - abstain.

David motioned to accept the minutes of March 9, 2010 (Regular Session). Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

### **Farmer's Market Issue:**

The Board explained to those present that the current zoning bylaws currently will not allow for a farmers market on the Town Common. The Board asked Ms. Amy Dugas if she would be willing to be appointed by the Board to represent the Town in approaching the ZBA for a Special Permit. Ms. Dugas stated that she felt it was not necessary and asked the Board to vote to approve the market. The Board stated that they did not have the authority to override the Town's Zoning Bylaws. Mr. Laub stated that he felt the Selectmen were being obstructionists. The Board provided instruction to those present on how to change the current zoning. The Board further noted that they were in favor of the market but that the law needed to be adhered to by every citizen. Town Counsel, Barbara St. Andre, answered questions from townspeople to reaffirm the Board's previous statements. David motioned to instruct the Executive Secretary to work with Town Counsel to draft an article for the ATM to change the current Zoning Bylaw so that it would allow for farmers markets on the Town Common. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously. The Board urged those present to be sure to vote at the ATM to insure the zoning would be amended; as requested.

### **Douglas Aspinall – "15 Minute Parking" Signs at 1 East Main Street:**

Mr. Aspinall stated that he did not want the parking signs put on posts by the side of Route 9 as it would inhibit his snow removal efforts. Barry stated that those violating the parking have stated that they did not see the signage on the handicap railings. He further stated that placement of the signage on poles by the roadside for assist the police department in their enforcement of the limited parking. The Board agreed to meet with the Highway Superintendent for further discussion on future snow removal efforts. Mr. Aspinall agreed that enforcement of the signage was important and had no problem with the relocation of the signs.

The Board noted that an aluminum pole near the traffic pole in front of 1 East Main Street needed to be straightened. The Board agreed to notify the Highway Superintendent.

### **Appointments:**

David motioned to appoint Cynthia Laub to the Cultural Council. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

### **Inter-Municipal Agreements:**

Barry motioned to support all three (3) inter-municipal agreements (Personnel Services, Shared Hearings Officer & Procurement Services) drafted by the Collins Center; with editorial changes. \*Noting that the Board would be meeting on Thursday (Regional Selectmen's Meeting) for further discussion. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

### **Highway Superintendent Position:**

Barry motioned to advertisement the position of Highway Superintendent for FY11. Second David. The Board voted unanimously.

### **Police Union Negotiations:**

Barry motioned to go into Executive Session, with the Town Accountant, Marie Arseneault, under reason #3 to conduct union strategy for police union negotiations. Second David. The Board voted Barry – yes, David – yes and Tom – yes. (Executive Sessions Minutes are kept separately.)

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Clerk