

**Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting-Regular Session – February 26, 2008**

LOCATION: Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room TIME: 6:30PM

PRESENT: John Tivnan, Barry Nadon, Jr., Tom Long, Johanna Barry, Executive Secretary and members of press.

Call To Order: 6:30PM - The meeting was called to order by John at 6:30pm.

William Mankin – Condition of Wigwam Road:

(*Highway Superintendent Benoit was present.) Several residents of Wigwam Road expressed concerns with the condition of Wigwam Road including ice problems, potholes, dead tree limbs (scenic road) and some dead trees, broken road surface and the need to scrape back shoulders of road. The Board explained that they had, acting in their capacity as Road Commissioners, placed Wigwam Road on the Road Repair Schedule for paving; tentatively for 2009. The Board further stated that drainage issues would be addressed at that time; as it appears that several easements may be required. The Board agreed to have the highway address build up ice issues immediately and possibly some tree trimming this summer. The residents thanked the Board for hearing their concerns.

The Board revisited trucking expenses owed in conjunction with Dr. Kereshi's curb cut return request. Barry stated that he felt that the \$50 value assessed by the Highway Superintendent was too low for what was provided. Superintendent Benoit cautioned Barry that he should not address the subject, as he believed it would be an ethics violation for Barry. Barry asked what his financial gain would have been. John asked how many loads of material were delivered to the site. Supt. Benoit stated two (2). John asked how long it took. Supt. Benoit stated under an hour. John asked how long it took to use the loader to load the truck. Supt. Benoit stated a few minutes. John asked what the going rate was for an hour of delivery time. Supt. Benoit stated that he believed fifty (\$50) was a sufficient charge. John stated that although he was told that the town did not pay for the material involved he believed it would still have some value. Supt. Benoit stated that the material was "undesirable". Tom questioned the Supt. further about the material. Supt. Benoit stated that the material may have been contaminated. Barry stated "Nice job. Right next to a stream." Tom agreed to leave the value at fifty dollars, to be deducted from the curb cut. John agreed.

Quaboag Youth Football Organization:

Barry motioned to approve a Special Use Permit for the QYFO for June 14, 2008. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Barry motioned to allow the QYFO use of the Town Beach for parking for several fundraising events to be held by the Organization; as outlined in their request letter dated 14 February 2008 from Maureen Roberts, Secretary. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Francis and Susan Gagne – Request to Donate 20 White Birch Drive:

The Board took the Gagne's letter under advisement pending information from the Assessors and Hazardous Waste Coordinator.

Advisory Committee – DRAFT Memorandum:

The Board reviewed a draft memorandum from the Advisory Committee regarding the \$414,000 shortfall in the operational budget; cautioning boards/committees not to overspend this year. The Board approved the draft. The memorandum will be sent to all departments/boards/committees jointly from the Board and Advisory Committee.

Secretary of Commonwealth – Disclosure of Records:

Noting that they had not yet heard back from the NEPBA, Tom motioned to recess the meeting until 4pm Wednesday, February 27, 2008 in the Selectmen's office, pending input from the Police Union. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Clerk