

**Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting-Regular Session – August 12, 2008**

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

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

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

Accept Minutes:

David motioned to accept the minutes of July 15, 2008 (Regular Session), as presented. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

Highway Superintendent:

Supt. Benoit expressed concerns over the lack of control over Curb Cuts in Town. Supt. Benoit stated that all new accesses require a Curb Cut. He further stated that he obtains a list of building permits from the Building Inspector to assist in cross referencing potential Curb Cut needs in Town. Supt. Benoit asked the Board to consider consulting with Town Counsel about expanding the requirement of Curb Cuts to Private Ways; due to the fact that the Town provides paving and grading services on Private Ways. The Board took the request under advisement.

After some discussion & noting the extreme change in the market, David motioned to re-bid the Low Sulfer Diesel and #2 Fuel bids to obtain better pricing for the Town. The Board noted that it had not awarded fuel bids for FY09 to date. The Board requested the fuel bids be specific - requiring a fixed rate and cents over "rack" for comparison. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board briefly talked about the abandoned boat on Douglas Road. Supt. Benoit stated that he felt the boat was located on Town Property – very close to the edge of the way. The abutter is The Salem Cross Inn Inc., with an easement held by the Commonwealth of MA. The Board agreed to obtain pricing to dispose of the boat.

Noting the BOH was meeting this evening regarding beaver issues in Town, Supt. Benoit asked the Board to consider training a highway employee to trap beavers. The Board inquired about cost. The Supt. did not have an exact figure, but thought that it would not be a substantial amount of money. The Board took this request under advisement; noting that they would attend the BOH meeting.

Northern Bass – Special Use Permit:

David motioned to approve Northern Bass's Special Use Permit for September 14, 2008, as submitted. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

MA Tech Collaborative – Community Solar Powered Lighting Program:

David motioned to take the information under advisement. Second Tom. The Board voted unanimously.

North Brookfield EMS – Billing:

North Brookfield EMS sent a letter to the WB Rescue Squad, and copied the BOS, stating that NB EMS would honor subscribers to the WB Rescue Squad with the same benefit that their subscribers have; specifically that subscribers would not be charged any remaining portion of their ambulance bill after their insurance had paid its portion.

BOH – Mutual Aid Agreement:

The Board agreed to place the Agreement request on the next Selectmen's meeting Agenda.

BOH – Beaver Issues:

The Board agreed to attend the Board of Health meeting relating to beaver issues in town and to adjourn directly thereafter.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Clerk