

Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – August 7, 2012

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

PRESENT: Mike Frew, Mark Long – Selectmen, Johanna Barry – Executive Secretary and members of the press and cable t.v.

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

The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Accept Minutes:

Mark motioned to accept the minutes of July 10, 2012 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Fire Chief Paul Lupacchino:

The Fire Chief explained to the Board that he followed Chapter 30B and put the body repairs for Engine One out to bid. He further stated that he only received one (1) bid; which he considered to be from a reputable company. Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, Mark motioned to accept the bid from M&R for \$40,000, as it was felt to be in the best interest of the Town, to refurbish the body of 1993 Engine One. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

The Fire Chief provided color “Google Earth” photos with various outlines of various sizes proposed storage buildings. The Board took the Chief’s information under advisement.

The Chief asked if the Board had any follow up questions or comments from last weeks meeting. Both Selectmen stated that they did not have questions or comments at this time.

Al Collings – LWPA President and Joe Borlikoski – Harbormaster:

LWPA President Collings provided the Board with an overview of the LWPA and Recreation Committee’s recent meeting. He stated that lines of communication appear to be open and working well. Harbormaster Borlikoski provided the Board with a list of six (6) boats available to the fire and police departments for safety purposes. The Harbormaster also provided a written report for 6-19 through 8-7-12. After much discussion, Mark motioned to approve the Harbormaster Job Description (as written by the LWPA & WB Harbormaster rather than K&P). Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Pole Petition – New Braintree Town Line:

Diane Clowes was available from Nationalgrid. No abutters were present. Mark motioned to approve the Pole Hearing #12529127. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

DOG HEARING – Beauregard:

ACO Leah Shattuck was present. Henry & Cora Sue Scherer complaints were present. Dennis Beauregard was not present. The Board questioned why Mr. Beauregard was not present. Certified mail was signed for at his residence by someone other than Mr. Beauregard. Mr. & Mrs. Scherer stated that since the letter went out from the Selectmen, the dog has been quieter. They stated that the dog is a Weimaraner puppy and it appears that the owner has taken measures to control the incessant barking. Mr. & Mrs. Scherer stated that they were fine with the dog but were unhappy with the service received from the ACO. ACO Shattuck stated that the Fourth of July holiday may have caused some disruption to normal services but that the Scherer’s hung up on her when they were unhappy with what she had to say about the dog rules in town. The ACO asked that the Board notify the dispatch center to contact her at her kennel number, rather than her cell phone.

DOG HEARING – Guzik:

ACO Leah Shattuck was present. Brian LaRiviere and Lizzette Anaya-Calderon complaints were present. Guzik's were not present. The Board questioned why the Guzik’s were not present. The Hearing Notice was delivered by Constable “in hand” on 7/24/12. The Chairman sworn in all parties to testify.

Lizzette stated that the Guzik’s dogs are loose often. They do not have bad dispositions, but are large animals. They defecate in my yard. She talked about the Guzik’s dog putting its head on her lap in her vehicle, as written in her husbands email.

Brian stated that both dogs are loose often. I have video of the dogs loose and pooping by the street. I have a video of their dogs paw prints in the snow coming from their house and going directly over to mine.

Lizzette stated that the Guzik’s tie their dogs out to the lattice on their home. Lattice which is unstable and weak.

The ACO stated that the houses are very close together. Lizzette is clearly afraid of these dogs, noting that she was bit in the past by a similar type of dog owned by the Guzik's. The ACO stated that she did speak with the Guzik's and thought that they would install at least a weld wire fence as a sign of "good faith". This has not been done. The husband agreed, but when approached a week later the wife knew nothing of the commitment by her spouse.

Lizzette stated that our yard has become their yard. They have no definitive lines of their territory and it's only a matter of time before they try to defend "their" property and someone gets hurt. The Guzik's are irresponsible pet owners.

Mark motioned to close the Hearing. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

After a brief deliberation, Mark motioned:

- 1) Both dogs must be fully physically restrained on a leash or chain when outside of your residence. The chain should be a 2/0 Straight Link Coil Chain 520 lbs/236 kg (Item #348264 at LOWES) with a 1" QUICK SNAP WLL:70 LBS (32kg) or heavier. The dogs should be tied at the opposite set back (furthest point away) from LaRiviere's home. Chains should be purchase and used within five (5) days from the receipt of this Order.
- 2) You must erect a fence (minimum of 6') and/or onsite kennel cage. Fencing must be pre-approved by the Board of Selectmen and must be installed by October 31, 2012. *The Board would prefer to see stockade fencing between the residences to block the dogs' view of activities next door. You may use a different type of fencing for the other three sides of the property.
- 3) Both dogs must be licensed according to the Town of West Brookfield's Bylaws.
- 4) If you are unable to erect the required fencing, you have the option to relinquish custody of your dogs, at no cost to you, to the Town of West Brookfield for placement by the Animal Control Officer (ACO). The Town will accept your dogs for placement regardless of any particular issue(s).
- 5) These Orders shall apply to the dog(s) currently owned by you and for any dogs you may get in the future.

Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

Mark motioned to approve the attached list of appointments. Second Mike. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Absent
Clerk

List of Appointed Officials

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Brad Quigley	(2013)
Roger Slobody	(2013)
Arthur Maskell	(2013)
Gordon DeWolf	(2013)
Barry Nadon Sr. Alternate	(2013)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR

Johanna Barry	(2013)
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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER /DOG OFFICER

Leah Shattuck	(2013)
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ASPARAGUS & FLOWER HERITAGE FESTIVAL

George Hibbard	(2013)
Richard Rossman	(2013)
Amy Dugas	(2013)
Elaine Hibbard	(2013)
Claudia Tourigny	(2013)

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERKS

Tammi Melanson	(2013)
Geraldine Sauve	(2013)
Teresa Barrett	(2013)
Robert Spera	(2013)

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Teri Ann Roberts	(2013)
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AUCTIONEER (PROPERTY)

Johanna Barry	(2013)
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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Anna May Zabek	(2015)
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BUILDING INSPECTOR

Jeff Taylor	(2013)
John Couture Alternate	(2013)

BURIAL GROUND COMMISSIONERS (*3 years)

Kevin Roberts	(2015)
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CENTRAL MASS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Tim Morrell	(2013)
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CMRPC REGIONAL PLANNING TASK FORCE

C. Thomas O'Donnell	(2013)
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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Johanna Barry	(2013)
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COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lyn Tivnan	(2013)
Mandy Morrison	(2013)
Keith Arsenault	(2013)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 year terms – Chp 40 Sect 8C)

Gordon DeWolf	(2015)
James Talvy	(2015)

(COA) WB SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR
Cynthia Norden Director (2013)

COUNCIL ON AGING (*3 year terms)
Connie Pratt (2015)
Carolyn Boucher (2015)

COUNCIL ON AGING CUSTODIAN
Justyna Ball (2013)

COUNCIL ON AGING SCM ELDER BUS BOARD
Cynthia M. Norden (2013)

CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY
Board of Selectmen (2013)

CULTURAL GRANTS COUNCIL
Joan Veinot (2013)
Fern Maskell (2013)
Kate Kane (2013)
Richard Ullman (2013)
Barry Gillogly (2013)
Paula Slade (2013)
Cynthia Laub (2013)

EARTH REMOVAL BOARD
Bob Lipovsky Planning (2013)
Jason Paquette Health (2013)
Gordon DeWolf Conservation (2013)
Kevin Dorman Zoning (2013)

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR
Kevin Dunivan (2013)
Keith Fontaine Alternate (2013)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
C. Thomas O'Donnell (2013)

ETHICS COMMISSION LIAISON
Sarah Allen (2013)

GAS PIPING & GAS APPLIANCES/PLUMBING INSPECTOR
Joseph Ciejka (2013)
Edward Kent Alternate (2013)

HARBORMASTER
Joseph Borlikoski (2013)

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR
Brian Charron (2013)
David Tebo – Assistant (2013)

HIGHWAY CLERK
Tammi Melanson (2013)

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
James P. Daley (2013)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (7 member board)
Richard Rossman (2015) (Rotating 3 year terms)
Anne Phillips (2015)

HISTORICAL CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

Peggy Walker (2013)

INSECT & PEST CONTROL INSPECTOR

James DiMaio (2013)

LAKE WICKABOAG DREDGING ADMINISTRATORS

Melvin Dorman (2013)

John Frizzell (2013)

Jason Paquette (2013)

LIAISONS

Barry Nadon to Quaboag School District

CHILDRENS SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Mary Beth Jackson (2013)

LIBRARY CUSTODIAN

John Grabosky (2013)

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Carrie Grimshaw (2013)

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Timothy Morrell (2013)

Gordon DeWolf (2013)

Sonia Burke (2013)

MUNICIPALITIES ORGANIZED FOR REGIONAL EFFECTIVENESS (MORE) REP.

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2013)

OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Tim Morrell Planning (2013)

Dave Fitzgerald Historical (2013)

Mary Beth Czaja LWPA (Ex-Officio) (2013)

Ralph Carlson LWPA (2013)

Gordon DeWolf Conservation (2013)

PARKING CLERK

Teresa Barrett (2013)

PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS

Kara Hartung (Lifetime * 3 year rollover)

Eric Iwaniec (Lifetime * 3 year rollover)

CONSTABLES THREE YEAR APPOINTMENTS PER S91A MGL

C. Thomas O'Donnell (2015)

John Healy (2015)

David Pierce (2015)

Harold Parker (2015)

Marissa Brown (2015)

Charles Laperle (2015)

S. Patrick Swain (2015)

Edwin Ward (2015)

POLICE DEPARTMENT CLERK

Tammi Melanson (2013)

QUABOAG SCHOOL MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE

Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2013)

QUABOAG SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2013)

QUABOAG VALLEY BUSINESS ASST CORP REP
Alexandra McNitt (2013)

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Paris Gogos (2013)
John Vayda (2013)
Teresa Barrett (2013)
John Schlosstein (2013)

REGIONAL TASK FORCE
Barry Nadon Jr. (2013)

REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL DISPATCH
C. Thomas O'Donnell (2013)

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ROCK HOUSE
Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (2013)

RIGHT TO KNOW MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR
Brian Charron (2013)

ROAD PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Jim Daley (2013)
Jeff Robbins (2013)
Bill King (2013)
Keith Arsenault (2013)

SEXUAL HARASSMENT OFFICER
Teri Ann Roberts (2013)

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
James Daley (2013) Highway
Suzanne Lepage (2013) Member At Large
John Frizzell (2013) Health
Johanna Barry (2013) Selectmen
Gordon DeWolf (2013) Conservation
Robert Benson (2013) Water
Tim Morrell (2013) Planning

TOWN COUNSEL
Petrini & Associates (2013)

TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN
Philip Goodman (2013)

TREE WARDEN
James DiMaio (2013)

TRIATHALON COMMITTEE
Rachel Wilson (2013)
Billie Moberg (2013)
Amanda Ostrout (2013)
Felix Kurilov (2013)
James Wilson (2013)

VETERAN'S AGENT
S. Patrick Swain (2013)

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Ron Marchessault (2013)

Anna May Zabek (2013)

WMCTF COMMITTEE

Western MA Casino Task Force

Barry Nadon Jr. Rep (2013)

WHITE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE

Richard Rossman (2013)

Charlotte Boos (2013)

Barbara Rossman (2013)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Joan Veinot (2013) associate member

George Hibbard (2013)

ZONING OFFICER

Gary Simeone (2013)