

**SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 17, 2011 – 10:45 A.M.  
SELECTMEN’S CONFERENCE ROOM – TOWN HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman William R. Davidson called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

**PRESENT:** William R. Davidson, First Selectman; Howard Lasser, Selectman; Public & Press; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary.

**ABSENT:** Steve O’Reilly, Selectman

**BRIEF OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD REGARDING THE JOINT INVESTIGATION OF DPUC AND DPH REGARDING GREENRIDGE TAX DISTRICT’S REQUEST TO CEASE OPERATIONS AS A PUBLIC WATER COMPANY:**

Mr. Davidson provided background information on the Greenridge water issue and reported on the substance of the brief document. Mr. Davidson stated that all parties involved were offered to file briefs. Carmody & Torrance prepared the Town of Brookfield’s brief. PURA (Public Utilities Regulatory Authority), formerly known as the Department of Public Utilities Control, deadline for filing is Thursday. This put time constraints on the Board of Selectmen and left the town a very narrow window to file a brief, thus only providing a twenty-four filing of a Special Board of Selectmen Meeting. Mr. Davidson stated that he made sure that this meeting was publicly noted with the press informed. Mr. Davidson was not able to provide a copy of the brief at this time as a courtesy to PURA, and it would be in the public domain as soon as it was filed on the DPUC website. The brief is nine pages and double spaced and outlines the history of these hearings and reaches a conclusion. Mr. Lasser stated that the brief would carry the most weight if it came as a voice from the town as represented by the Selectmen. Mr. Davidson noted that Mr. O’Reilly was not able to attend this meeting due to work commitments and he received a copy of the brief yesterday and was offered to submit comments this morning. Mr. Davidson noted that Aquarion Water Company offers the fastest cost effective way to provide water to Greenridge also offering the town to remediate various other areas of concern. Key factors are that United Water Company has 7,000 customers and Aquarion has 180,000 customers and that Aquarion can more evenly spread its costs. Mr. Davidson stated that if Aquarion brings water down Route 25 it would be a natural extension of the water system in town. There could also be delays for United Water Company regarding the ESA Boundary Map.

At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion to approve the draft brief of the Town of Brookfield as submitted, and to include the word “part” that was left out on Page 9 Item 3. Motion seconded by William Davidson, and carried by majority.**

Mr. Davidson also noted that if the DPUC decision goes another way, the very last conclusion the town makes in its brief is that the town is prepared to offer whatever assistance it can to ensure that the water line is completed as quickly and cost-effectively as possible.

**ADJOURN:** Howard Lasser made motion to adjourn at 11:05 a.m., seconded by William Davidson. Motion carried by majority.

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William R. Davidson  
First Selectman

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Selectman

Steve O'Reilly  
Selectman