

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 – 7:30 P.M.
BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman William R. Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

PRESENT: William R. Davidson, First Selectman; Howard Lasser, Selectman; Steve O'Reilly, Selectman; Jay Wahlberg, Controller; Wayne Gravius, Fire Marshal; John Plummer, Superintendent of Roads; Aaron Boyd, Brookfield Patch; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Davidson announced the following:

- It has been an extremely difficult week due to Tropical Storm Irene. The Town was fortunate in many ways with no serious injuries, but many residents struggled one way or another during and after the storm. Mr. Davidson extended a big thank you to the heroic efforts of our police dispatchers; Major James Purcell; Wayne Gravius, Emergency Management Director; and John Plummer, Superintendent of Roads, for making sure power got back on to all homes and other emergency needs were met for those residents without power. Mr. Davidson thanked Mr. Gravius for his prior planning activities during the storm and coordinating efforts with CL&P representative Bob Bobarsky, designated by CL &P as the Town's Liaison, who met with the Brookfield team every day. Go to the Town's website www.brookfieldct.gov to click on the link CT Alert to find extensive information.
- This Sunday there will be a 9/11 Ceremony to recognize the 9/11 Anniversary and all residents are encourage to attend and participate.
- Planning for the 225th Anniversary of the Town of Brookfield is coming, and if residents are interested in being on a committee to start a celebration, the Brookfield Historical Society would welcome volunteers. For additional communications about the developing events to celebrate this anniversary, please contact the First Selectman's office to be put in touch with Susan Murphy. The Town wants to make sure this is really a momentous occasion.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Regional Hospice & Home Care of Western CT thanked the residents and town for including Regional Hospice in the 2011/12 Town Budget and supporting them again this year.

PARKING APPEAL: Mrs. Reichelt requested earlier today that her appeal be postponed until the next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

UPDATES

SOUTHERN WATER LINE PROJECT PHASE II: A Special Town Meeting is scheduled on September 8th at 7:00 p.m. to authorize request for the \$4,685,000 appropriation at a Referendum on November 8, 2011.

KID'S KINGDOM PLAYGROUND: Mr. Davidson reported that demolition of the playground is September 16 -18th.

SOUTHERN WATER LINE PROJECT PHASE I – OLD NEW MILFORD ROAD: Mr. Davidson reported that construction will begin shortly.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL RESULTS: Town Controller Jay Wahlberg reviewed the Revenue & Expenditure Report and discussed the emergency appropriation of \$40,000 to purchase a wood chipper for the storm.

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT: Mr. Davidson reported that the bi-fold doors in the ladies room will be installed shortly along with some windowsills being replaced.

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: Mr. Davidson reported that compliance issues are still being worked on.

FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE: Mr. Lasser reported that a committee is beginning to take some shape. Last month the Selectmen authorized this committee, e-mails were sent out to representatives of appointed Boards & Commissions identified at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting, and follow-up by next month to appoint a committee.

TOWN CENTER DISTRICT RFP'S FOR PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES: Mr. Davidson gave an update on the Request for Proposals for Planning Consulting Services for the Town Center District. In summary, the eleven page RFP is "to develop a detailed redevelopment plan and appropriate policy documents to guide future private and public sector investments and provide direction for municipal regulatory activities in the Four Corners area." Fourteen consulting firms applied to the RFP, and down to four firms that will be interviewed by the Selection Committee who will recommend one firm. The cost of the consulting services will come from a STEAP Grant.

NEW ITEMS

WPCA ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 96.4A: Mr. Davidson explained that the proposed amendment to this ordinance would allow the Building Official to withhold a building permit in the case where sewer use or other sewer charges are delinquent. At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment of Chapter 96-4 on October 3, 2011 at 7:15 p.m., at the Brookfield High School Media Center, seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES: 8/1/11 BOS Meeting; 8/8/11 Special BOS Meeting; 8/17/11 Special BOS Meeting; 8/25/11 (2) Special BOS Meetings.

NEW HIRE REPORT: Departing Staff: Sam Khatha, MIS Coordinator, and Resigned effective 9/2/11.

SELECTMEN APPROVALS FOR ROUTINE CONTRACT MATTERS: a) Southern Water Line Phase I – Notice of Awards & Notice to Proceed.

BOND RELEASES:

Driveway Bonds in the amount of \$750:

- 4 Belden Hill Road, Lot 12

Zoning Commission:

- 360 Federal Road, Application #200900068, Bond Reduction by \$16,875.00
- 10 Summers Pasture Lane, Application #20061041, Final Bond Release of \$2,300.00
- 58 Vale Road, Application #200800032, Final Bond Release of \$9,070.00

CONSENT AGENDA: Howard Lasser made motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY AGENDA ITEMS

APPOINTMENT: Howard Lasser made motion to approve the reappointment of Shirley Gervasoni (D) to the Brookfield Housing Authority, seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ADJOURN: Howard Lasser made motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.

William R. Davidson
First Selectman

Howard Lasser
Selectman

Steve O'Reilly
Selectman