

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

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman William R. Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PRESENT: William R. Davidson, First Selectman; Howard Lasser, Selectman; Steve O'Reilly, Selectman; Jay Wahlberg, Controller; members of the public & press; Virginia Giovannello, Recording Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Davidson reported on the October 29th snow storm that significantly damaged trees and caused much debris in town and significant power loss to residents, and for many, a loss of power for a third time in the last few months due to previous storms. Mr. Davidson stated that the High School staff and Custodial & Cafeteria staff were fantastic. He noted that Major Jay Purcell, Fire Marshal Wayne Gravius & Superintendent of Roads John Plummer put the town back together again and really understood how to get the work done. Mr. Davidson noted that CL&P's management of the storm was atrocious and the lack of communication within the company. The CL&P workers in the field were fabulous, along with the Town's CL&P liaison that coordinated resources allocated.

Mr. Davidson reminded everyone of Election Day on November 8th from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Brookfield High School and Huckleberry Hill School including the vote for the Southern Water Line.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEW ITEMS

WPCA ORDINANCE: Mr. Lasser is the Board of Selectman liaison to the Water Pollution Control Authority, and he suggested that the scheduling of the Public Hearing be tabled, so that modest changes aligning with special funds can be made in the Ordinance. At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen table this item, seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATES

MEADOW BROOK MANOR: Mr. Davidson reported that there needs to be a permanent solution to the long standing drainage issues and would like find a solution by working at the end of the pipe to find a way to effectively collect the water. Selectman O'Reilly stated he visited the neighborhood and also agreed that something has to be done to keep that area dry.

TOWN CENTER DISTRICT PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES: Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen schedule a Special Town Meeting on November 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the Brookfield High School Auditorium, to approve an appropriation of \$75,000 funding to come from a Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant that the town has already received, to develop a detailed

redevelopment plan and appropriate policies to guide future private and public sector investments and provide direction for municipal regulatory activities in the Town Center District, seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.

KID'S KINGDOM PLAYGROUND: Mr. Davidson reported that construction has begun and that some of the new playground structure is in place despite the bad weather. They will keep progressing to construct as much as they can before the winter.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL RESULTS: At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen approve a town budget transfer in the amount of \$18,300 from the employee insurance account to the engineering account to cover the appropriation associated with the engineering expenses for the water quality at the Greenridge community, seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.**

SENIOR CENTER PROJECT: Mr. Davidson reported that one door in the Senior Center needs to be reordered.

HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT: Mr. Davidson reported that the intense negotiations will not be on-going that much longer and they are finalizing these negotiations from a financial standpoint.

DEMOLITION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 96-7: Residents and Historic District Commission members that attended the Public Hearing had concerns regarding the amendment to the Ordinance reducing the 90-day waiting period to a 30 day-waiting period for demolition of buildings more than 50 years of age. After discussing at the Public Hearing, the Selectmen noted that reducing the waiting period might not be sufficient time to salvage Historic buildings, and at this time would like to table making any decision on amending the Ordinance. At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen table this item, seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Davidson noted that storm debris can be deposited at the Town's residential refuse disposal center. It is open Monday – Friday (7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) and Saturday and Sunday (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), and he is encouraging homeowners to bring in branches and limbs to the disposal center. Mr. Davidson noted there are a lot of issues with the storm debris cleanup. For the 70 hour period, FEMA made eligible for reimbursement the pick-up of debris just to the right of way for emergency purposes only. FEMA has not made determination yet on clean-up in the town's right of way. Every town around is dealing with the same issue. Mr. Davidson stated that he knows there is urgency with the debris cleanup and a decision and how to proceed will be made shortly.

CONSENT AGENDA

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NEW HIRE REPORT: For the month of October the following staff changes are reported:
New Hire: Dah-Miin Yau, MIS Coordinator, Full time, Non-Union, Effective 10/17/11.
Eli Gonzalez, Custodian, Part time, IFPTE Union, Effective 10/3/11.

BOND RELEASES:

Driveway Bonds in the amount of \$750:

- 7 Beech Tree Road

- 42 Knollcrest Drive
- 58 Riverford Road
- 10 Stoney Farm Lane
- 40 Deer Run Road
- 18 White Pine Drive
- 20 White Pine Drive
- 34 White Pine Drive

Zoning Commission Bond(s):

- 75 High Meadow Road, Application #200500825, Bond Release of \$4,000.

SELECTMEN APPROVALS FOR ROUTINE CONTRACT MATTERS:

Residential Lease Agreement for 28 Obtuse Hill Road

Residential Lease Agreement for 35 Obtuse Hill Road

CONSENT AGENDA: Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen approve the consent agenda with an amendment to the October 3, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes regarding the discussion of a Town Hall Generator, seconded Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY AGENDA ITEMS

APPOINTMENTS: Howard Lasser made motion to appoint John Voris from alternate to regular member of the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ADJOURN: Howard Lasser made motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.

William R. Davidson
First Selectman

Howard Lasser
Selectman

Steve O'Reilly
Selectman