

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 4, 2012 – 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.

**PRESENT:** William R. Davidson, First Selectman; Howard Lasser, Selectman; George Walker, Selectman; Jay Wahlberg, Controller; members of the public and press; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following residents addressed the Selectmen regarding the proposed Dog Park at Happy Landings:

- Barb Norman, 6 Meadow Drive
- Duane Bertozzi, 47 Whisconier Road
- George Franklin, 61 Whisconier Road
- Elizabeth Tinch, 45A Whisconier Road
- Richard Gereg, 89 & 896 Federal Road
- Caroline Frias, 63 Whisconier Road
- Suzanne Holko, 25 Drover Road
- Kelly O'Rourke, 9 Sulky Drive

All the residents who spoke above were not against a dog park but were against it being located at Happy Landings and wanted it to remain permanently protected open space land.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Davidson announced the following:

- Certificate of Recognition to Marty Propper, Whisconier Middle School student.
- The Windmill at Happy Landings has been refurbished and is completed. Special thanks to Paul Sedor who arranged for the Exchange Club to donate \$10,000 for restoration, and to Russ DeGrazia of DeGrazia Well & Pump for crane services and assisting with the restoration; and to Eugene Reelick of Hollandia Nursery for restoration work. A recognition plaque will be placed at the site and a ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for the immediate future.
- The Town has hired Mr. William (Bill) Leverage as the next Town Controller, and will start in a few weeks.
- Will have additional information on the Police Union Contract at the next regular BOS meeting whether it being a settlement or arbitration.
- The Brookfield Energy Committee's report and brochure can be found on the Town's website.
- Letter received from Bob McGarrah dated May 31, 2012 regarding the development of the Four Corners.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter dated May 31<sup>st</sup> was received from Bob McGarrah regarding the development of the Four Corners.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL RESULTS:** Controller Jay Wahlberg reported on the town's revenues and expenditures. At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen accept the request for transfer from Personnel Contingency in the amount of \$23,034, as recommended by the Town Controller. Motion seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PARKING APPEAL:** At conclusion of discussion, **George Walker made motion to deny the parking appeal request submitted by Mr. Charles Argo, seconded by Howard Lasser. Motion carried unanimously.**

## NEW ITEMS

**DOG PARK AT HAPPY LANDINGS:** Mr. Keith Wolff and Mrs. Lisa Allen who are residents of Brookfield provided an overview of the physical plan and their plan for fundraising and continuing maintenance of a dog park (Kanine Kingdom) proposed at Happy Landings. At conclusion of discussion, **William Davidson made motion that the Selectmen support the recommendation of the Conservation Commission for a dog park at Happy Landings, seconded by Howard Lasser. Motion carried unanimously.**

**William Davidson made motion that the Selectmen, in view of the community interest and divert views of a dog park at Happy Landings, in accordance with Chapter C9-4A8 hereby approves a Special Town Meeting for the residents to determine if a dog park should be established at Happy Landings. The date for such a Town Meeting to be determined. Motion seconded by Howard Lasser, and carried unanimously.**

**William Davidson made motion to move to Item 3c on the agenda, seconded by Howard Lasser. Motion carried unanimously.**

**MEADOWBROOK MANOR/HILLSIDE CIRCLE:** Mr. Will Meikle and Ms. Jean Hartnett, who represent the residents in Hillside Circle and Court, stated that the flooding issue in Meadowbrook Manor was an important issue to resolve, and with hurricane season close by, they were hoping that the Town and State would be proactive and that an update on the situation be received soon.

**FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT ORDINANCE CHAPTER 134:** A public hearing was held prior to the Board of Selectmen Meeting. At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion to accept the modifications to the Food Service Establishments Ordinance Chapter 134, seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.**

**REPLACEMENT OF TWO VEHICLES:** Mr. Davidson discussed his recommendation for the replacement of two well-worn town vehicles. At conclusion of discussion, **George Walker made motion that the Selectmen approve the replacement of two vehicles (2002) Ford Taurus be replaced with a 2012 or 2013 Ford Fusion or Ford Focus, and the (2002) Chevrolet pick-up be replaced with a 2012 or 2013 Ford Transit Connect commercial mini-van with a total net cost between \$35,000 and \$38,000, and send request to the Board of Finance that the Capital improvements leasing account be used as the source of funds, seconded by Howard Lasser. Motion carried by majority, with Howard Lasser not in favor.**

**2012 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT:** At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen schedule a Public Hearing on the Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposal from the Brookfield YMCA on June 22, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Brookfield Town Hall, seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously**

**TAXSERV CAPITAL SERVICES:** At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen approve an Agreement for Professional Services between the Town and TAXSERV Capital Services, LLC for collection of delinquent taxes and other receivables, subject to review by the Town Attorney. Motion seconded by George Walker, and carried unanimously.**

## UPDATES

**SALON ORDINANCE:** At conclusion of discussion, **Howard Lasser made motion that the Selectmen schedule a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the High School Auditorium, seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.**

**WIRELESS CELL TOWER AT MUNICIPAL CENTER PROPERTY:** At conclusion of discussion, the First Selectmen will request a final and formal presentation from the two cell tower companies interested in securing a site at the Municipal Center property.

**SOUTHERN FEDERAL ROAD WATER LINE PHASE II PLANS:** Mr. Davidson updated the Selectmen on the project.

**540 FEDERAL ROAD WATER STORAGE TANK:** Mr. Davidson noted the Planning Commission has reviewed and approved the 8-24 Referral for the water storage tank easement.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

May 2, 2012

May 24, 2012

**NEW HIRE REPORT:** Mr. Davidson reported the staffing changes.

#### **BOND RELEASES:**

Driveway Bonds in the amount of \$750:

#1968, 41 Old Bridge Road

#1957, 49 Mist Hill Road

Excavation Bond: #09-20-05, Oak Grove Road, Summer Pasture Development, \$5,000.

#02-22-12, 58 Tower Road, A to Z Property Maintenance, \$500.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Howard Lasser made motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADDITIONAL MONTHLY AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Howard Lasser made motion to appoint Maizie Jaffe to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following residents addressed the Selectmen:

- Andrew Turkenkoph, 5 Red Barn Lane
- Joe Grimes, 6 Horsehill Road
- Michele Berg, 8 Stony Farm Lane

**ADJOURN:** Howard Lasser made motion to adjourn at 9:34 p.m., seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

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William R. Davidson

Howard Lasser

George F. Walker

First Selectman

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