

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES MAY 9, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Robert K. Downing, Chairman, David A. Delanski, Vice-Chairman, Robert W. Souza, Jr., Clerk, Pat Cantor, Town Counsel, and William Schlosstein, Treasurer.

Chairman Robert K. Downing called the working meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office in the Shepard Municipal Building.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS**

The Board reviewed the May 10, 2011 Annual Town meeting motions with Pat Cantor of Kopelman & Paige.

A motion to reorganize the Board as follows: David A. Delanski, Chairman, Robert W. Souza, Jr., Vice-Chairman, and Robert K. Downing, Clerk was made by Mr. Souza, Jr.; second; Mr. Delanski – voted unanimously.

A motion to go into recess and meet at the West Brookfield Town Hall was made at 5:10 p.m. by Mr. Souza, Jr.; second; Mr. Delanski – voted unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at the West Brookfield Town Hall in the lower level.

Present were Robert K. Downing, Chairman, David A. Delanski, Vice-Chairman, Robert W. Souza, Jr., Clerk, William Schlosstein, Sue Como, Brett Kustigian, Joe Scanlon, Barry Nadon, Jr., Michael Frew, Mark Long, Al Collins, Angela L. Cavanaugh, Selectmen's Secretary and see attached Sign-In sheet.

Barry Nadon, Jr. was the moderator for the meeting.

**QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES**

There was lengthy discussion between the West Brookfield Selectmen, School Committee members, Superintendent, and the West Brookfield Advisory Committee pertaining to the articles submitted by the school district. It was discussed that both Towns would like to avoid ending up in a regional district meeting. Barry Nadon, Jr. mentioned that he would prefer to wait for Warren to any pass ballot questions pertaining to IT improvements in order to keep both schools on the same page academically since they are regionalized.

Mr. Delanski stated that the Warren Selectmen were informed this evening by the Treasurer that the Town of Warren is unable to fund the articles below prop. 2 ½ since the Town still has to pay for a new fire truck, the South Street Sewer Extension, capping the Landfill, and possibly a transfer station. Mr. Delanski stated that the Town of Warren plans to recommend that voters disapprove the articles since the ballot questions failed and the Town of Warren would be forced to cut other areas of the budget in order to fund the articles this year. Mr. Delanski further stated that he would prefer if the school could plan to come back to the Capital Planning Committee with the articles for the fall special town meeting and even more preferably the next annual town meeting after they have fully informed the public of their capital improvement requests and prepared a plan.

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### **MIIA RENEWAL**

The Board reviewed a letter from MIIA pertaining to a rate increase of 1.2 percent for MIIA property, liability, and workers' compensation coverage for FY12. A motion to authorize the Chair, David A. Delanski, to sign a renewal to participate with MIIA Property and Liability and Workers' Compensation program for FY 2012 and utilize the 5% prepay premium discount was made by Mr. Downing; second; Mr. Souza, Jr. – voted unanimously.

### **MAIN ST. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FY09 - CHANGE ORDER NO. 4**

A motion to authorize the Chair, Robert K. Downing, to sign a change order for Morais Concrete Services to decrease in the amount of \$3,392.00 was made by Mr. Souza, Jr.; second; Mr. Delanski – voted unanimously.

### **MAIN ST. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FY09 - CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT**

A motion to approve authorize the Chair, Robert K. Downing, to sign a Final Certificate for Payment No. 7 to Morais Concrete Services in the amount of \$19,027.00 pertaining to the Main Street Improvement project was made by Mr. Delanski; second; Mr. Souza, Jr.; voted unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. was made by Mr. Souza, Jr.; second; Mr. Delanski – voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela L. Cavanaugh  
Selectmen's Secretary

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Robert W. Souza, Jr., Clerk