

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JULY 31, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM – TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman William R. Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: William R. Davidson, First Selectman; Howard Lasser, Selectman; George Walker, Selectman; Lou Menendez, President of the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department; Interested members of the public included Phil Kurtz, WPCA & Board of Finance member; Robin Appleby, Board of Finance; Mr. & Mrs. Agard; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary.

BROOKFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE BILLING: Mr. Lou Menendez explained the proposed fire charges for firefighting at residential homes. The homeowners' insurance policy would be charged by the Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department billing service. If the homeowners' policy does not pay for the fire call or there are not proper provisions in an owner's insurance policy, the Brookfield Fire Department does not pursue the charge. There will be no follow up letters, and no lien placed on the property. Mr. Menendez stated that the revenue is being used to replace equipment and to offset the operational costs of their services due to being a volunteer fire company. Mr. Menendez answered questions raised by the Selectmen on the proposed fire billing.

SEWER AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT: The Selectmen discussed a response to the Ad Hoc Sewer Committee Report. Mr. Davidson discussed his personal response that all projects financed by the Town's General Obligation Bonds, the Board of Selectmen must share control of all benefit assessment funds collected by the Water Pollution Control Authority. Such funds must be deposited into a joint custody account (Town and WPCA). Removal of funds to make bond payments and for all other valid reasons requires the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the WPCA. Mr. Davidson noted that the Town should be controlling assessments as the Town is ultimately responsible to pay them back. An ordinance may need to be passed. The Selectmen discussed the custody of collected assessment funds.

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM: Mr. Davidson noted that the Town has been awarded a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant under the housing rehabilitation category for town-wide housing rehabilitation. At conclusion of discussion, **Bill Davidson made motion that the Selectmen approve Lisa Low going forward with the guideline not exceed \$35,000 of the Town's current open Small Cities Program grant funds to any one applicant. Motion seconded by Howard Lasser and carried unanimously.**

Bill Davidson made motion that the Selectmen approve a policy that the Town will have no more than 10% at risk and not exceed a total of 5% of the Town's current open Small Cities Program grant funds. Motion seconded by Howard Lasser and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Howard Lasser made motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., seconded by George Walker. Motion carried unanimously.