TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 26, 2007

Present: Al Collings Barry Nadon, Selectman
Bev Potvin Kenniston Tom Long, Selectman
Roy Roberts Jack Tivnan, Selectman
Jeffrey Belanger Bob Benson, Water Department
Phil Landine John Frizzell, Stormwater
Marie Arsenault, Accountant
Johanna Barry, Executive Secretary

Bev Potvin Kenniston made a motion to accept the minutes of September 12, 2007. Jeff Belanger seconded. Vote 5-0 to approve.

Article #15: Raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $5,000 to be used for expenses being incurred by the Quaboag Regional School District’s Football Program. Coreen and Kim, members of the committee, stated that they had raised $16,000 but needed $10,000 more and were requesting West Brookfield and Warren to fund this. After much discussion, the Advisory Committee suggested they start attending School Budget Meetings with other members of their committee and parents and get the school to fund this program. With this suggestion, they took the article off the warrant.

Article #1: Raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury $20,000 to pay for Consultants/Grant Writers for use by various Boards/Committees as determined appropriate by the Board of Selectmen. Bev Potvin Kenniston made a motion to approve. Jeff Belanger seconded. Voted 5-0 to approve.

Articles #8 & 9: Custodian of Property to establish salary line item and funding deleted by the selectmen.

Article #10: Raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury $13,000 to be used on a Stormwater Authority Project. John Frizzell presented the ESS Proposal in your packet. The funds in the article will be used for the Wickaboag Valley Road project, which is high profile. They had applied for a grant but were denied but will reapply again. Bev Potvin Kenniston made a motion to approve. Seconded by Jeff Belanger. Vote 5-0 to approve.

Article #12: Article to provide Outstanding Performance Stipends to highway employees. Building is not complete. Will wait until all the bills are in and savings to town available. Selectmen will take off this warrant and put on in May.

Article #13: Raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury $150,000 to be used to reclaim and pave John Gilbert Road, Lyons Road, Ragged Hill...
Road and High Street. If not enough money to complete these projects, then Chapter 90 money will be used. Bev Potvin Kenniston made a motion to approve. Jeff Belanger seconded. Voted 5-0 to approve.

Article # 15: Raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury $2580 to be placed in the Local Access Salary Account. Johanna Barry explained that we have a lot of equipment and we need someone to operate it. Motion made by Jeff Belanger to approve. Second by Roy Roberts. Voted 5-0 to approve.

Article # 16: Vote to transfer 24 parcels of land held as tax possessions to the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. The Advisory Committee passed over approving/disapproving this article until after discussion at Town Meeting.

Article #19: Raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $5000 to be used for activities for the 350th Anniversary of the Quaboag Plantation in 2010. Bev Potvin Kenniston made a motion to approve with the following insertion after the word activities “in West Brookfield.” Seconded by Roy Roberts. Voted 5-0 to approve.

Article #20: Transfer the sum of $6,000 from the Water Surplus account to Engineering Expenses to pay Tata & Howard for services rendered. Bob Benson stated that they now have $55,000 and with the increase in water rates, next year should have $70,000 in reserve for unforeseen emergencies. The $6000 will be used for a loan application. Motion made by Jeff Belanger to approve. Seconded by Bev Potvin Kenniston. Voted 5-0 to approve.

We have received a quote for the Police Department Vehicle.

Bob Benson gave a report on Police Spatial Needs Committee. He said they are no longer considering the Ware Street property. It is not feasible as it will cost close to two million dollars and they do not want to pay $300,000 for the property. They are now working with the Chief and looking for a new location. One possibility is the property on the corner of Route 9 and Foster Hill Road.

Our next meeting posted will be October 16, 2007 at 7 p.m. but may be cancelled.
Motion made by Phil Landine to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jeff Balanger. Voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary