Town of West Brookfield- Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting-Regular Session – Wednesday, October 14, 2009

LOCATION: Town Hall - Lower Level Conference Room TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Al Collings, Tom Schnare, Phil Landine, John Tivnan, Diane Vayda, Nicole Vongratsamy, Roy Roberts. (*Also present: Selectman - Tom Long, Executive Secretary - Johanna Barry & Town Accountant - Marie Arsenault.)

Call To Order: 6:30PM
The meeting was called to order by Al at 6:30pm.

John motioned to approve the Minutes of September 30, 2009, noting a correction to the date. Second Diane. The Board voted six in favor, Tom - abstain.

Al reviewed the 2010 – 2013 financial presentation for the Informational Meeting on Wednesday. Potential reductions in State Aid were discussed.

The Board recognized Nicole’s resignation and thanked her for her service on the Committee. Al stated that Bill King and Jeff Belanger had expressed an interest in being appointed to the Committee. Chris Lucia and Bev Kenniston were also mentioned as possible candidates. The Board agreed to interview candidates not known to Committee members.

The Board briefly reviewed a letter written to the Water Department, dated 14 October 2009, outlining several recommendations including: maintaining a minimum balance of $1,500,000 in the MTBE Stabilization Account, the Water Surplus should reach at least $100,000 – adding: within the next three years and a history of water rates and projections should be included with their 2011 Budget submission.

The Committee reviewed the STM Warrant and voted as follows:

Article 1 – John – motion to approve. Second Roy. Unanimous
Article 2 – John – motion to approve. Second Tom. Unanimous
Article 3 – John – motion to approve. Second Diane. Unanimous
Article 4 – Passover pending clarification from Highway Superintendent
Article 6 – Tom – motion to approve. Second John. Unanimous
Article 7 – Tom – motion to approve. Second John. Unanimous
Article 8 – John – motion to approve. Second Roy. Unanimous
Article 9 – John – motion to approve. Second Diane. Unanimous
Article 10 – John – motion to approve. Second Tom. Unanimous
Article 11 – John – motion to approve. Second Tom. Unanimous
Article 12 – John – motion to approve. Second Nicole. Unanimous
Article 13 – John – motion to approve. Second Roy. Unanimous
Article 14 – John – motion to approve. Second Diane. Unanimous
Article 15 – John – motion to approve. Second Nicole. Unanimous
Article 16 – Tom – motion to approve. Second Diane. Unanimous

A brief overview was provided with regards to municipal lighting cost/usage history.

The Committee held a short discussion on the ability to increase the meals tax and also the possibility of installing GPS equipment in town vehicles.

Phil motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm. Second John. The Committee voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman