Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – April 29, 2014
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall  TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT:  Barry Nadon Jr. and Diane Vayda – Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Executive Secretary and members of
the press & cable tv.

Call To Order: 6:15PM  - The meeting was called to order by Barry at 6:15pm

The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Accept Minutes:
Diane motioned to accept the Minutes of April 16, 2014 (Regular Session).  Second Barry.  The Board voted
unanimously.

Tom Long, Advisory Committee Chair – Quaboag Regional District Proposed District Budget for FY15:
Mr. Long stated that at a recent meeting with officials from the Town of Warren and the Quaboag School District it
was agreed to have the Town of West Brookfield pay $150,000 over minimum.  Mr. Long stated that the School
Committee would be meeting to discuss and take a formal vote on the unofficial agreement.

Donald R. Berthiaume – Running for State Representative:
Mr. Berthiaume came in to announce his candidacy for State Representative and to answer any questions.

Central NE Equine Rescue Inc. – Request to Host 5K Benefit:
Betsy Johnson, President, wrote the Board to ask permission to host a 5K Road Race to benefit the Central NE
Equine Rescue Inc.; a nonprofit 501©3 organization.  The Board agreed to have Ms. Johnson work with the Police
Chief and to come back to the Board once the details are affirmed.

Appointments:
At the request of the Town Clerk, Diane motioned to appoint the following individuals as Poll Workers:

Louise Whitehouse
Eleanore Paquette
Nancy Seeton
Michael Frew
John Tivnan
William King
Betty Frew
Carol Haire
Pauline LaCroix
Charlotte Borlikoski
Johanna Swain
Mary Garin
Patricia Bacon
Susan Tomasin
Christine Long
Caroline Stentiford
Beverly Cassavant
Teresa Barrett
Robert Spera
Geraldine Sauve
Kathleen Landry

Second Barry.  The Board voted unanimously.
Cynthia Henshaw, EQLT – Parking at Pynchon’s Grismill:
At the request of Ms. Henshaw and upon approval by the Highway Superintendent, Diane motioned to allow off street parking on Wickaboag Valley Road and the installation of a kiosk by the EQLT. Second Barry. The Board voted unanimously.

Ursula Couture – Condition of Cottage Street:
About a dozen neighbors came in to complain about the condition of Cottage Street. Several complaints were received, including:

1) There is a missing speed limit sign between Route 9 and Lake Street. Supposedly there was one for 20mph.
2) There is a missing stop sign at the end of Lake Street – entering Wickaboag Valley Road.
3) There is continued speeding on Lake Street.
4) Potholes need to be filled on Cottage. They would like the whole street paved and will meet with the Road Projects Advisory Committee to plead their case for moving the street higher up on the Que.
5) Could a three (3) way stop be installed at the corner of Lake Street and Cottage Street?
6) Can the “No Turn on Red” signs be removed from the intersection of Route 9/Cottage/Central Streets? Someone mentioned that they thought that the signage could be removed seven (7) years after the installation of the lights??
7) There were complaints about the sweeping done. Residents stated that it did not appear that water was being used by the sweepers?

Patricia White, 26 Cottage Street, complained about silt in her home; which she claims is as a result of a recent street sweeping done by the highway. She stated that the sweeping was done on April 18th and that nine (9) days later she was still have silt settling in her home. Ms. White showed the Board a bag of silt vacuumed from two of her rooms in her home. She stated that she was concerned about what was in the silt. The Board agreed to put her in touch with the engineer who had the dredge material, which was being hauled and may have dropped on the way, tested.

At the request of residents present the Board agreed to put the “Water Restriction” information on the Towns Webpage.

Andrew Barron Worden – Net Metering Credits:
Andrew Barron Worden, SOLTAS, asked the Board to consider receiving net metering credits in lieu of cash for hosting the solar project in Brimfield. After some negotiation, the Board agreed to accept 16,000 in net metering credits rather than $12,000 in cash. The Board agreed to direct legal counsel to review any necessary paperwork.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk