Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – February 3, 2015
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall TIME: 7:00PM
PRESENT: Diane Vayda & Sarah Allen – Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Executive Secretary and members of the press & cable tv.

Call To Order: 7:00PM - The meeting was called to order by Diane at 7:05 pm

The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Sarah motioned to allow the Highway Superintendent to access an additional $5,000 in overtime; due to the recent storms. This extra overtime allocated is for this year only as a result of the extreme winter conditions; specifically record snowfall. Diane second. The Board voted unanimously.

Accept Minutes:
Sarah motioned to accept the Minutes of January 6, 2015 (Regular Session), January 21, 2015 (Regular Session) and January 24, 2015 (Regular Session). Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Northern Bass Alliance – Special Use Permit:
Sarah motioned to approve a Special Use Permit for the Northern Bass Alliance for October 18, 2015; as submitted. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Fire Chief Lupacchino’s Proposal from Simplex for Town Hall Smoke Detectors:
The Board agreed to ask the Chief to obtain an updated quote from Simplex. The Board took the information under advisement for a possible ATM warrant article.

Regionalization Task Force:
Diane stated that she expected Josh Howe to come in for an interview. Mr. Howe did not show. After some discussion, Sarah motioned to appoint the following members to the Regionalization Task Force:
Police Chief, C. Thomas O’Donnell
John Frizzell
Dan McCall
William Mansfield
Barry J. Nadon Jr.
Mike Frew
Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously. The Board agreed to have the Police Chief set up the initial meeting of this new Force.

BLISS Dog Hearing – Update:
After viewing current pictures from the ACO, Sarah motioned to have the Bliss family install “chicken wire” over the current gate. This needs to be accomplished within seven (7) days. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Performance Appraisals:
The Board agreed to set up a “work session” next week.

Keith Arsenault – Proposed PILOT Agreement:
Mr. Arsenault, along with his representative from NEXAMP, explained to the Board that they had done quite a bit of research on PILOT Agreements for solar projects. Keith provided the Board with a proposal; offering $7,000 per megawatt per year. In the event the Board agrees to the PILOT, it would need to be approved at town meeting. Mr. Arsenault stated that 100% of the net metering credits were going to a neighboring school district. He stated that the legislators had suggested between 7-8,000 per megawatt. He further stated that most town’s assess the solar as personal property; some real estate. He stated that if the project was assessed as personal property it would not affect the tax rate. Mr. Arsenault stated that he had to replace all but on utility pole at his own expense, along with tree trimming. The Board took his proposal under advisement, pending information from the Board of Assessors.
**Executive Session:**
Sarah motioned to go into Executive Session under reason 3 to discuss litigation and to adjourn directly thereafter. Sarah noted that the Executive Secretary would be excused from the session. Second Diane. The Board voted Sarah – yes and Diane – yes. (Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman                  Clerk

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Vice Chairman

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