Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – June 24, 2014
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: Barry Nadon Jr., Diane Vayda & Sarah Allen – 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 March 18, 2014 (Regular Session); as submitted. Using the “Rule of Necessity”, second Sarah. The Board voted unanimously. (Barry was not present at the meeting & Mark Long is no longer a Selectman.)

Sarah motioned to accept the Minutes of May 27, 2014 (Regular Session) and June 10, 2014 (Regular Session), as submitted. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Advisory Committee (Richard Gobi, Tom Long, Phil Landine & Christine Long – Clerk):
(Also present were Police Chief O’Donnell, Patrolman Pierce & Highway Superintendent Jim Daley.)

The Committee and Board review an email from Richard Gobi dated 6/5/14 with regards to a “topic list”. The following items were on the “topic list”:

1. A possible change of the annual town meeting to a later date, or reconvene some time in June when the cherry sheet and school aide figures are better known.
2. As a committee we were surprised by the action of the water dept, to grab health insurance costs which rightfully should be paid by the rate users.
3. Would the be interested in having an independent health insurance audit, to see if the town can have cost savings by changes in coverage, eligibility, and co-pays.
4. One of the recommendations in the town's management plan was to have a town collector for all payments. Should this be studied or pursued further.
5. An update on gas conversion and the generator for the town hall
6. The impact of the budget cuts to the highway and police dept, and should it be necessary to add funds in those depts.
7. A request of the advisory board to review the warrants at least on a monthly basis.

After some discussion, the Committee & the Board agreed to sponsor an article to reinstall the 7% cuts made to the Police and Highway budgets at the Fall STM.

The Committee also questioned standardizing timecards. The Committee noted that they are going to begin reviewing warrants.

Appointments:
The Board agreed to address appointments at an upcoming meeting

Right of First Refusal – Dudula:
Barry questioned how much the rollback taxes were? The Board delayed executing the waiver; pending further information.

Dues:
The Board agreed to pay dues and join the Worcester County Selectmen’s Association.

Course Approval:
Diane motioned to approve Officer Bonnayer’s Tuition Reimbursement Request; as outlined in the Police Union Contract. Second Sarah. The Board voted unanimously.
Discuss Litigation Strategy:
Diane motioned to go into Executive Session under reason #3 MGL C30a, S21 to discuss potential litigation strategy and adjourn directly thereafter. Second Sarah. The Board voted Diane – yes, Sarah – yes and Barry – yes. (*Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

Sarah motioned to adjourn at 7:20pm. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman     Vice Chairman    Clerk