Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – June 9, 2015
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall  TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT:  Diane Vayda, Sarah Allen & John Tivnan – Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Executive Secretary and members of the press & cable tv.

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

Accept Minutes:
John motioned to accept the Minutes of May 12, 2015 (Regular Session), May 19, 2015 (Regular Session), May 26, 2015 (Regular Session) and May 26, 2015 (Executive Session).  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.

BLISS DOG HEARING:
Sarah swore in all parties.  Susan Talbot stating that she would like to have the Selectboard enforce their Order of September 4th to have the Bliss’s install a six (6) foot fence.  ACO Leah Shattuck stated that she has not received any complaints about the dog since the last meeting.  Susan Talbot stated that she has a four (4) foot fence around her yard and is afraid that the Bliss’s dog will get loose and jump the fence.  John asked if the current fence could be improved.  Cindy Bliss stated that she would euthanize the dog.  She stated that her husband is in the hospital and she is working three jobs.  The Board asked if the ACO could try to place the dog.  Cindy Bliss stated that her dog would not go with someone other than her or Kenny.  Cindy asked about invisible fencing.  The ACO stated that she did not recommend invisible fencing in this instance.  The ACO again stated that she would be willing to try to place the dog but ultimately it was the owners choice.  Cindy stated that she would allow the ACO to try to place the dog.  Cindy stated that she had photographs for the ACO to use when trying to place the dog.  John motioned to accept the placement arrangement and to give the ACO one (1) month to try and place the dog.  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.  Susan Talbot inquired as to what would happen in the next month.  The Board stated that the dog should be leashed when being walked or remain in the gated area.  Susan Talbot stated that it was never her intention to have the dog euthanized.  The Board thanked to ACO for her assistance.

Interview Casey Burlingame – Alternate Building Inspector:
The Board interviewed Mr. Burlingame for the vacancy of Alternate Building Inspector.  John motioned to appoint Casey Burlingame as Alternate Building Inspector.  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.

POLE HEARING – Old Warren Road:
Ken Dobie represented Nationalgrid.  No abutters attended.  After receiving a brief overview from Mr. Dobie, John motioned to approve the Pole Petition as submitted.  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.

Resignations/Appointments:
John motioned to accept Kevin Dunivan's resignation as Electrical Inspector, with regret.  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.  The Board instructed the Executive Secretary to contact the Alternate Keith Fontaine to see if he was interested in being promoted to the Electrical Inspector's position.  The Board will post either the Electrical Inspector or Alternates position once they receive a decision from Keith Fontaine.

Noting no objections from Teri Roberts or Dave Swekla, John motioned to appoint Mike Frew as a Burial Grounds Commissioner.  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.

Hire Consultant for Generator Installation Design:
John motioned to hire Shepherd Engineering, Inc., low bidder, for the electrical, plumbing and gas connection design for the Town Hall and Fire Station generator.  Total cost of $11,000.

Letter Regarding Unions and Health Insurance:
(Sarah recused herself.)  John motioned to send out a letter to each of the Unions regarding potential changes to the health insurance; due to bargaining and time restraints and possible cost savings.  Second Diane.  The Board voted unanimously.

Town Accountant – Request to Carry Over 32 Hours of Vacation Time:
John motioned to allow the Town Accountant to carry over 32 hours of vacation time.  It was noted that this would be a one time approval and that the vacation time would need to be utilized by August 31, 2015.  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.
Executive Session:
Sarah motioned to enter into Executive Session under reason number three (3) to discuss litigation and to adjourn directly thereafter. Second John. The Board voted Sarah – yes, John – yes and Diane – yes. Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman    Vice Chairman    Clerk