Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – March 25, 2015
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall TIME: 5:00PM
PRESENT: Barry Nadon Jr., Diane Vayda & Sarah Allen – Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Executive Secretary and members of the press & cable tv.

Call To Order: 5:00PM - The meeting was called to order by Barry at 5:00 pm

Director Local Access, Barry Gillogly – Local Access Budget:
Barry Gillogly answered questions relating to his increased hours of work weekly and his change in scope of duties. Barry explained how the PEG grant was disbursed. After some discussion, Sarah motioned to support his new weekly stipend of $257 per week; retro active for one pay period. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously. The Board agreed to have the Director into a Selectmen’s meeting every other month for updates.

Police Chief, C. Thomas O’Donnell – Cruisers:
The Police Chief lobbied for two (2) new cruisers; an SUV style Interceptor for approximately $43,401 and an Interceptor Sedan for approximately $29,405.25. The Board took the Chief’s information under advisement.

Board of Health – Water Line on New Braintree Road:
(Melvin Dorman, John Frizzell, Jason Paquette – BOH, Wes Cassavant – Water Supt. and Sarah Allen – Clerk to BOH: Sarah excused herself as a Selectman and sat in the audience as Clerk to the BOH.) The BOH discussed borrowing to install a water line approximately 4,500 feet down New Braintree Road; due to realized well contamination to one facility. The BOH stated that 23 houses would be affected by the installation. They estimated the cost to tie in all of the houses at about $68,000. There was discussion about installing taps and curb stops and allowing tie ins to occur at a later time. The BOH stated that semi annual testing is currently being accomplished in this area. Based on 2010 estimate numbers; each household would cost approximately $14,000 for tie in parts. The Board briefly discussed betterments. The Board took the information under advisement.

**The Board Attended Quaboag School District Budget Meeting in Great Hall
(Taped to be broadcast on Local Access.)

Set & Vote to Close Annual Town Meeting Warrant:
The Board reviewed the draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board discussed lowering the Chapter 90 Supplemental and Town Road Maintenance articles. The Board agreed to support the purchase of one (1) ground speed control for the Highway; rather than three (3). The Board agreed to take the Shea Acres – Open Space Land article off of the Warrant. The Board agreed to take the following Fire requests off of the Warrant: Intake Control Valves on Engine 1, Site Survey for Safety Complex, Building Storage for Fire, Windows, Paint & Letter Tanker, New Forestry Truck, Fund Fire Truck Replacement Account, Fire Exit Signs for Fire Station, ATV, Siren Repairs & Upgrades, Floor Refinishing and Vehicle Exhaust Vent for Station. The Board also agreed to remove Smoke Detector & Panel Replacement for Town Hall and Installation of New Sidewalk on North Main Street. The Board discussed the financial state of the Town. The Board left the Warrant open pending more financial information.

COLI for FY16:
The Board agreed to not have a cost of living increase at this time; pending union negotiations with the AFSCME Council 93. The Board agreed to reassess coli’s after negotiations are complete.

Pot Hole Allocation from State of MA:
The State of MA provided the Town with $35,098 in a Pot Hole allocation grant.

Sarah motioned to recess the meeting to Monday, 30 March 2015 at 6:30pm in the Lower Level Conference Meeting Room located in the Town Hall, 2 East Main Street. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman  Vice Chairman  Clerk