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

Minutes:
Phil motioned to accept the Minutes of March 14, 2018 (Regular Session). Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.

Phil motioned to accept the Minutes of March 20, 2018 (Regular Session). Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board agreed to hold off on the Minutes of March 15, 2018 until the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING — Concept Review (Maple/Winter/Sheldon):
(*Originally scheduled for Tuesday, 13 March 2018 — cancelled due to snow. The Complete Street Prioritization Plan was also rescheduled from 13 March to 27 March due to the snow.) Jim Daley, Highway Superintendent and John Morgan, CHA were in attendance.

Richard Rossman, 78 E Main Street, expressed concern with potential impacts to his driveway.

Paul Lussier, 25 Sheldon Drive, stated that he was against one way but that he favored sidewalks and no parking signage.

Kelly McCarthy, 15 Maple Street, said that there was extreme traffic and speeding on her street. She stated that drivers do not stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Winter and Maple Streets. She further stated that she fully supports the project as it is currently designed.

Ray Brunelle, 5 Winter Street, stated that he was concerned with potential land takings.

John Morgan, CHA, stated that the engineering had not yet been accomplished but that the width of the paved surface would have to be larger.

Richard Rossman stated that the design will not slow traffic and is not necessary.

Martha Leasca, corner of North Main and Winter Streets, stated that having a police officer on site would be helpful. She stated that tractor trailers and dumps are using these roads and that the state police are utilizing it as a cut through. Martha asked if larger trucks could be ban from the way. She felt as though there should be parking on only one side of the ways in question. She thought curbing may also be helpful. Every year our lawn gets smaller and smaller. Could the Town institute one way at certain times of the day?

George Leasca, 65 North Main, stated that there is a gully there (referring to in front of his home). How would you install a sidewalk?

John Morgan, CHA, stated that it would require a retaining wall.

Kyle Santos, 43 Winter, stated that there are very few events yearly and he feels that this whole redesign is not necessary and very inconvenient. Can alternative be done? This won’t fix event parking. It may work as a short term solution for the school pick up and drop off.

Rainy Walsh, 10 Foster Hill, asked why the Town can’t install permanent “No Parking” signage. Have the police patrol and ticket.
Pat Richard, 67 N Main Street, stated that there are “No Parking” signs in front of her house. She stated that they are ignored during major events.

Kyle Santos, 43 Winter, stated that he would appreciate a sidewalk on Maple Street. How about installing a small parking lot behind the bandstand with sidewalks?

Jim Daley, Highway Superintendent, I do not get a lot of Chapter 90 money and I search for grants. Perhaps this project is not right for a MassWorks Grant?

Paul Lussier, 25 Sheldon Drive, stated that we do not want a one way.

Kelly McCarthy, 15 Maple Street, stated that if you don’t do a one way, how do you eliminate the way as a cut through?

Deborah Williams, 33 Winter Street, stated that the corner of Winter and Maple gets highly congested during drop off and pick up at the Elementary School. The School should have a pick up zone.

Kathy Campbell, 68 North Main, stated that most of the parents park on the same side of the Sheldon Drive. They try to be conscientious.

Myron Sibley, 15 Winter Street, stated that the Town can mitigate safety issues by creating more parking. He stated that the intersections pose high safety concerns.

The Board thanked all those present for their input. The information was taken under advisement.

Complete Street Prioritization Plan:
Phil motioned to adopt the Prioritization Plan; as submitted by CHA. Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Grant:
Timothy P. Murray, President of the Chamber, invited a designee from the Planning Board to be part of a Strategy Committee as a critical part of the DECS process. The Board referred the letter to the Planning Board for a volunteer.

Letter from Douglass & Chevrette – RE: Whispering Pine & Cedar Drive:
The Board read a letter into the record from Denise Douglass and Helen Chevrette regarding the condition of their respective roads. The Board agreed to refer their letter to the Road Projects Advisory Committee.

Personnel:
Phil motioned to appoint Nancy Arsenault to the Council On Aging. Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed a possible clerical adjustment to budget #6; based on the hourly rate and hours listed. The Board agreed to follow up with the department head to obtain an updated job description.

The Board spoke briefly about a pending updated job description from the BOH. The Board agreed to follow up on the updated job description; pending corrections to the salary.

The Board agreed to meet with the AFSCME Union to commence with Union negotiations on 23 April 2018. The Board also agreed to set up a strategy session with legal counsel after April 10th due to scheduled vacations.

Annual Town Meeting:
Phil motioned to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; noting that the Election will take place on May 1st and the Meeting on June 5th. Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.
Phil motioned to open the warrant and to accept the thirty (30) articles, as submitted. Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.

Phil motioned to close the warrant. Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.

**Arbor Day:**
Upon the request of the Tree Warden, the Board signed a proclamation declaring April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day.

**Electric Rates:**
The Board noted that Nationalgrids basic service residential rate is scheduled to go to $0.10870 per kWh effective May 1, 2018; while West Brookfield’s municipal aggregation rate with VERDE remains at $0.09999. Nationalgrids winter rates are projected to be around $0.13+/-. 

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Clerk
Hearing - 3/27/18
Kris McPante 15 Maple St.
Kelli McCarthy 15 Maple St.
Stephen Woodward 15 Sheldon
Ray Brunelle 5 Winter St
Dora Brunelle 5 Winter St.
Bob & Patricia Richard 64 N. Main & Sheldon
Paul Keener 8 Sheldon Drive
Travis Mathieson 48 Winter St
Leslie Mathieson 48 Winter St
Dwight Kriehel 8 Sheldon Drive
Gary Messier 8 Sheldon Drive
Richard Rossman 78 E. Main St.
Lester Rossum 78 E. Main St.
George Lessen 65 North Main Street
Martha Selon Lessen 65 N. Main St.
Myron W. Sibbey 15 Winter St.
Kyle A. Santos 43 Winter St.
Gloria A. Walsh 10 Foster Hill Rd. WIR
Cathy Campbell 48 N. Main St.
Lara Carr 11 Sheldon Dr.
Brian Williams 33 Winter St.
Debra Williams
PUBLIC HEARING (Rescheduled)

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018
AT 6:30 PM
WEST BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL
2 EAST MAIN STREET
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE MEETING ROOM

REGARDING A HIGHWAY CONCEPT REVIEW FOR THE AREA WHICH INCLUDES WINTER STREET, MAPLE STREET AND SHELDON DRIVE. INPUT IS SOUGHT FROM THE ABUTTERS TO THE PROJECT; ALONG WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC.