Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – March 31, 2015
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall  TIME: 7:00PM
PRESENT: Barry Nadon Jr., 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 Barry at 7:00 pm

Accept Minutes:
Sarah motioned to accept the Minutes of March 31, 2015 (Regular Session); as amended  Second Diane.  The Board voted Sarah & Diane – yes, Barry – abstain.

House Representative Donnie Berthiaume:
Representative Berthiaume spoke with the Board about the current financial state of MA.  The Highway Superintendent asked him to look into the funding status of the Massworks and Challenge grants.  Rep. Berthiaume stated that he would do so.

John Morgan – CHA & Highway Superintendent James Daley – Intersection Project:
Mr. Morgan and Supt. Daley outlined the process involved in the pending TIP Project – School Street/East Main.  After some discussion, the Board agreed to refer to NEW layout of School Street to the Planning Board for their review.

Time Clock Policy:
Diane motioned to accept the current Time Clock Policy; to include a section on emergency allowances to work from home/remote area to be added.  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.

William Butitta – Request for Appointment to Regionalization Task Force:
The Board agreed to ask Mr. Butitta into the next Selectmen’s meeting for an interview.

Michael H. Frew – Request for Appointment to the War Memorial Committee:
Sarah motioned to appoint Michael H. Frew to the War Memorial Committee.  Second Diane.  The Board voted unanimously.

MA Commonwealth – Nomination of Inspector of Animals:
Diane motioned to nominate Leah Shattuck as Inspector of Animals.  Second Sarah.  The Board voted unanimously.

Louise M. Bouvier – Thank You Highway Department:
Ms. Bouvier wrote the Board commending the Highway Department for excellent performance during the epic winter of 2014-15.

Pam & Hank Christiansen – Thank You to the Fire Department:
The Christiansen’s wrote the Board to express their appreciation to the Fire Department during a possible chimney fire call at their home.

Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund – Lake Wickaboag Dam Maintenance:
The Board agreed to allow the Chair to execute a Request for Transfer from The Reserve Account in the amount of $300 to cover a shortfall experienced for unforeseen dam repairs at the Lake Wickaboag Dam.

AFSCME Council 93 – Request to Commence with Collective Bargaining:
The AFSCME Council 93 wrote the Board to introduce Nadine Kennedy as their representative for collective bargaining unit of all full time and regular part time non-professional employees of the Town of West Brookfield, excluding the police, fire and all managerial, confidential and casual employees.

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, Diane – yes and Barry - yes.  (Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman    Vice Chairman    Clerk