Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – November 25, 2014
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall  TIME: 7:00PM
PRESENT: Barry J. Nadon, Jr. (late 7:08pm), Diane Vayda & Sarah Allen – Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Executive Secretary and members of the press & cable tv.

Call To Order: 7:07PM - The meeting was called to order by Barry at 7:07 pm

The Board executed the Payroll & Expense Warrants.

Accept Minutes:
Sarah motioned to accept the Minutes of October 14, 2014 (Regular Session), October 28, 2014 (Regular Session), November 6, 2014 (Regular Session), November 12, 2014 (Regular Session) and November 18, 2014 (Regular Session). Second Diane. The Board voted Sarah and Diane – yes, Barry – not present.

Michael Foley, Eagle Hill School – Rowing Team:
Mr. Foley, along with his Assistant Coach Beth & LWPA President Al Collings, met with the Board to discuss a new rowing program at Eagle Hill School in Hardwick. Mr. Foley stated that a very small team of 10 kids – two four-person rowing shells and a small aluminum coach’s launch would like to use Lake Wickaboag. They would row during two seasons per year; from shortly after the ice breakup in the spring through early June, and then again from early September through the end of October. Practice would be from 4pm to 6pm each weekday. Rowers would volunteer time cleaning with the LWPA. The Board welcomed the rowers. Al Collings stated that the LWPA would reach out with education materials for the lake residents.

Library Board of Trustees – Interim Director:
(Paul Spencer, Alex McNitt & Holly Takorian were present.) After some discussion and upon the recommendation of the Library Board of Trustees, Sarah motioned to appoint Holly Takorian as Interim Library Director. Holly will receive a retro active increase to August 17th, and will revert back to her current pay upon the hire of a permanent Director. (Grade 7 Step 5 to Grade 10 Step 5). Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Jim Dimaio, Tree Warden – Forestry Updates:
Warden Dimaio provided the Board with an update on the cutting plans currently underway. Upon the recommendation of the Warden, Sarah motioned to amend the Forestry Cutting Plan on Tucker Road & to amend the Contract with Paul Tebo; as outlined by the Tree Warden. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously. The Board executed the amendments.

Jim talked about possibly thinning out the trees located behind the landfill area. Sarah stated that he should talk to the Board of Health prior to commencing with any work.

Appointments:
The Board passed over making appointments to the Regional Task Force. The Board asked that more information be listed on the WEB to explain that the task force will consider and make recommendations on departments other than just fire, police and rescue.

Commendations:
Chief O’Donnell provided a copy of a memorandum to Ptl. Brown commending her on a successful “Halloween Spooktacular” held on the West Brookfield Common.

Dr. Brett Kustigian wrote to express his sincere appreciation to the Chief and his department for their commitment to providing a safe learning environment for his students and staff.

Officer Michael Braley, Holden Police Department, submitted a letter of appreciation to Officers Charron and Letendre for a medical episode suffered during a wedding at the Salem Cross Inn. Officer Braley credited the police officer for their professionalism and compassion.
**Job Descriptions:**
Job descriptions were received from the Assessors, Highway and Council On Aging.

**Ms. Allegra Donadio – Letter Requesting Solar Support:**
The Board read a letter from Allegra Donadio requesting solar support. The Board took the request under advisement.

**Status – BLISS Fence (Dog Hearing 9/16/14):**
The Board briefly discussed the status of the Order issued to the Bliss family.

**Planning Board – Inquiry About Proposed STM Article:**
The Board executed a response letter to the Planning Board.

**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 Sessions Minutes are kept separately.)

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman    Vice Chairman    Clerk