Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – September 12, 2017
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room, Town Hall – Town Hall TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Diane Vayda and Philip Landine – Selectmen.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Speed Limits on Lake/Cottage Streets:
(*Police Chief C. Thomas O’Donnell and Highway Superintendent Daley were present.)

The Board opened the Hearing by reading the Hearing Notice. The Board noted that all abutters were sent a copy of the Hearing Notice. The Board opened the Hearing for public comment.

Richard Trudeau, 32 Cottage, stated that there is a lot of speeding, smoking pot, texting and that no one stops at the Lake Street stop sign. He further stated that he would like to see the speed limit set back to 20mph.

Nancy Allen, 26 Lake, recommended a 20mph speed limit.

Dave Swekla, 31 Cottage, would like to see a sign “Your Speed” and “Speed Limit”. He stated that there are a lot of children on the road and that more visuals would foster safety. He asked about line painting down the center of the way.

Supt. Daley stated that there is currently no plan for line painting. There is no money in the budget. Painting is not in the current plans. Painting lines may make it difficult to navigate 20’ roads.

Bree Woods, 15 Lake, stated that eleven children have recently been added to the street. She would like to see “Watch for Children” signage. She further stated that there is a lot of foot traffic going to the public beach and the cars pose a significant safety issue.

Supt. Daley, stated that there will be signage to watch for pedestrians and bikes, share the road and preliminary crosswalk signage.

Patty White, 26 Cottage, would like to see a speed limit sign on the hill near the beach area.

Kevin Roberts, 17 Lake, has been a resident for 23 years. There has been a significant increase in foot traffic; including skateboards, bikers, walkers)

Dave Swekla, 31 Cottage, stated that the police need to be rigorous at certain times of the day. He cited a group coming down from “the pines” and early morning boaters. He suggested the police set a tone with warnings.

Deb Korman, 31 Cottage, asked if a three way stop could be installed at the corner of Cottage and Lake?

Supt. Daley stated that a stop is not allowed for speed control. Stops must be in line with MA specs. The current design cannot be changed; but may be considered at the term of the project with MassDOT.

Marc Astrella, 27 Cottage, stated that he had removed the 20mph signage from the way when he was on the Highway Department in conjunction with the erection of handicap signage. He stated that solar three way signage is becoming more popular.

Michael Audette, 22 Cottage, supports a three way stop and a 20 mph speed limit. He further inquired about “No Parking” near Route 9.

Supt. Daley stated there will be no parking close to Route 9. This will be controlled by abutments similar to those located recently on North Main Street. He further stated that there would be a new location for the stop sign located on Lake Street.
Michael Audette, 22 Cottage, asked about re-applying grass seed; due to the lack of growth.

Supt. Daley stated that the seed had not yet been paid for and would be addressed.

Kevin Roberts, 17 Lake, asked why the speed limit could not be set back to the previous limit of 20 mph.

Supt. Daley stated that the speeding appears to be by habitual offenders.

Dave Swelka, 31 Cottage, suggested that the football group be notified of the adjusted speed limits. He further stated that awareness is key.

Supt. Daley stated that trees and shrubbery were scheduled for planting within the next 3-4 weeks.

Phil stated that he would like to see the Town purchase a speed sign that reflects the speed limit and your speed.

Diane closed the Hearing.

After some discussion, Phil motioned to lower the speed limit to 20 mph. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

**Mark Cappadona, Colonial Power Group Inc. – Municipal Aggregation:**
Mr. Cappadona provided the Board with an overview of how the Municipal Aggregation pricing was procured and the deadlines involved in accepting bid pricing.

**Anne Garwood, Ragged Hill Cider Company LLC – One Day License:**
After some discussion, Phil motioned to approve a One Day Liquor License to Ragged Hill Cider Company, LLC for September 23, 2017 from noon to 6 pm at Ragged Hill Orchard. The LLC will be hosting a grand opening for their tasting room and will be offering full pours on September 23rd. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously. The Board agreed to charge a $25 fee.

**Personnel:**
Phil motioned to appoint Officer Paul Cowden as a Constable. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Phil stated that he had concerns with appointing Kevin as his wife is currently employed by the Town in a vital position. Kevin stated that he had previously been on the Technology Committee for nine years without incident. Phil asked if Kevin would be willing to execute any necessary conflict/disclosure paperwork. Kevin stated “Yes.”

Phil motioned to appoint Kevin Roberts to the Technology Committee with the proviso that he execute any necessary paperwork disclosing that his wife is Town Treasurer. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

**Interim Fire Chief Charron – Quote from Colonial Municipal Group:**
Interim Fire Chief Charron provided a written quote from Colonial Municipal Group for a Fire vehicle. The Interim Chief noted that the salesman at Colonial stated that the pricing is set to increase on October 1st. Phil asked to have the Interim Chief submit the quote received from Lamoureux Ford and also to provide a breakdown of the proposed outfitting costs for the next meeting.

**Wally Connor, Grand Knight – Annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser:**
Noting the Police Chief’s nod, Phil motioned to approve the Knights of Columbus, Council 11080, to conduct their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on Saturday October 7th and Sunday October 8th from 8 am to noon each day. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.
MaryAnne Pelletier, Library Director – Disposal of Property Under $5,000:
Ms. Pelletier wrote the Board to request permission to dispose of several unusable/broken items:

two broken air conditioners
1 Lenovo Windows 7 computer tower
1 XP computer tower
1 Webstar modem
1 APC battery backup/surge protector
1 Cyber Power battery backup/surge protector
1 Synoptics switch
1 HP Office Jet Pro 8000
3 sets of broken computer speakers
2 computer monitors

Also not in use but supposedly works:
HP 1010 Fax machine

Phil motioned to allow the disposal of the items listed above. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously. Kevin Roberts noted that would provide the name of a vendor that destroys hard drives and provides the donor with a certificate of destruction. Usable parts are then shipped overseas for usage. This is done at no cost to the donor.

Executive Session:
Phil motioned to enter into Executive Session under reason number 3 to conduct a strategy session with regards to an upcoming AFSCME Union Arbitration and to adjourn directly thereafter. Phil noted that the Board would conduct a conference call with Attorney Colin Boyle. Second Diane. The Board voted Phil – yes and Diane – yes. (*Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Absent

Clerk
Town of West Brookfield
Speed Limits on Lake & Cottage Streets
Notice of Public Hearing

The West Brookfield Board of Selectmen will be considering changes and or modifications with regards to the speed limits on Lake and Cottage Streets. The public is invited to attend the meeting to provide input to the Board. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the West Brookfield Town Hall, 2 East Main Street at 6:30PM in the Lower Level Conference Room.
## PUBLIC HEARING
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**  
**SPEED LIMITS ON LAKE AND COTTAGE STREETS**

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