Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – January 2, 2018
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room, Town Hall – Town Hall TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Diane Vayda, Philip Landine and Deborah Provencel – Selectmen.

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

Kelly McCarthy – Parking on Maple Street:
Ms. McCarthy stated that her main concern is the two sided parking on Maple, Sheldon and Winter Streets. She stated that she is concerned that emergency vehicles will not be able to pass. She further stated that the Town has a bylaw that requires at least a 10’ wide way. She noted that the bylaws state that there is no parking within 20’ of an intersection. She feels as though the bylaws are not being enforced. She wants to have the “no parking” signs reinstalled. She asked the Board to consider her request and stated that her request is strictly for safety purposes. Richard Rossman stated that he is a 26 year resident of Town and that there are very few events on the Town Common. He stated that he does not believe that these type of restrictions are necessary. Police Chief O’Donnell stated that he does not dispute that there is a parking issue. Currently events are required to install temporary “No Parking” signage. The Chief stated that section E should be looked at due to the current size of cars and the fact that new houses have capitulated problems. He felt as though there is no short term solution here. The Chief stated that the Board could consider parking on one side of the way or making the road a one-way. The Board agreed to host a Public Hearing in February. Phil stated that there are no events planned for the eminent future which will allow the Town to study and further address the area of concern. The Board agreed that this is an area of high priority.

East Quabbin Land Trust – Open Space Donation:
Phil motioned to accept a $100 donation from the East Quabbin Land Trust for use in securing Open Space. Second Deborah. The Board voted unanimously.

Grade/Step Classification Policy:
Noting an increase in hourly rate for the BOH Administrative Assistant and upon the advice of legal counsel, Phil motioned to maintain this positions previous rate pending documentation from the BOH relative to the increase. Second Deborah. The Personnel Board voted unanimously.

Set Upcoming Schedule:
The Board agreed to commence with AFSCME Union negotiations on January 23, 2018 at 6:30pm. The Board also agreed to hear a Level II Grievance from P. Robinson on the same date/time.

The Board agreed to hold a work session on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 9am to review the Employee Personnel Handbook and discuss DOR recommendations.

Fire Engine 1:
Phil stated that Engine 1 was currently being repaired in CT. He further noted that the Interim Fire Chief had secured a loaner truck from the City of Springfield.

Proposed Solar on Wigwam Landfill:
Building Inspector, Jeff Taylor, asked if Luke Childs could speak to the Board briefly about his proposal to place solar on the Wigwam landfill. Amanda Risch, Esq. and her client Luke Childs spoke with the Board briefly about their interest in placing solar on the Wigwam landfill. The Board took their information under advisement and stated that they would get in touch with the BOH to have further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Vayda
Chairman

Vice Chairman

Deborah Provencel
Clerk