Town of West Brookfield - Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – April 25, 2017

LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room, Town Hall – Town Hall  TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Sarah Allen, John Tivnan & Diane Vayda – Selectmen.

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

Minutes:

Tom Long, Advisory Committee, asked why the Board planned to go into Executive Session for the Tri-County Solid Waste Agreement in Ware. The Board read a legal opinion from Town Counsel advising the Board to go into Executive Session. Tom stated that he felt as though the Board was very secretive; going into Executive Session so much.

Craig Burgess – Update on WB Common Baseball Field Project:
Craig provided the Board with an update as to the progress being accomplished on the Common Baseball Field Project. Craig thanked many board/committer committees, contractors and individuals for their volunteerism, their accommodating ways and their hard work. He also thanked many people for private donations.

Anne Garwood & Keith Arsenaux – Special License for Sale of Hard Cider:
Anne approached the Board for a Special License to sell hard cider at the local farmers market on the Town Common. The license would include taste testing and closed bottle sales. After some discussion, John motioned to allow a Special License to Ragged Hill Cider Company LLC from June 7th through October 11th of 2017. John noted that the fee would be $30, as allowed by law. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Quabog School District – FY18 Proposed Budget:
Dr. Brett Kustigian and Carrie Lamica, Business Manager met with the Board to discuss the proposed FY18 Quabog School District budget. Dr. Kustigian stated that the total Foundation, Transportation and Additional Assessment would be approximately $3,312,782, down slightly from the previous year due to lower enrollment.

MassWorks Grant (Cottage and Lake Streets):
Diane motioned to accept the low bidder, Palmer Paving Corporation, for $846,022.40. Second John. The Board voted unanimously.

Request for “NO OUTLETS” Signage on Front Street:
Jeff Joseph asked the Board to consider placing a “No Outlets” sign at the corner of Front Street noting that cars speed on the dead ended way and there are several children on the street. Upon the request of Mr. Joseph, 56 Front Street, John motioned to have the Highway Superintendent install a “No Outlets” sign at the corner of Central and Front Street. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Town Accountant Vacancy:
Sarah stated that she wished to move forward and hire Groux-White Consulting LLC to interview and select finalists for the Town Accountant vacancy. Diane stated that she wanted to stay with the current system, for now. She further stated that she did not want to spend money on this. Sarah stated that the current retired on site accountant was to be short term. Diane stated that BMA Accounting Support could perform this work. Sarah stated that this work should not be done offsite. John motioned to hire Groux-White Consulting LLC for $3,850. Second Sarah. The Board voted John and Sarah – yes, Diane – no.

Executive Session (AFSCME Grievance):
John motioned to go into Executive Session under reason # 2 to hold discussion regarding town counsellors opinion on potential litigation and other available options with respect to Tri County Waste Disposal Facility pursuant to GL C30A, S21(a)(3), (7) and Suffolk Construction v. DCAM, 449 Mass.444 (2007) and also under reason #3 to discuss a patrolman’s salary issue and review a DRAFT Superiors Contract in preparation for negotiations. The Board will adjourn directly thereafter. The Board voted Diane – yes, John – yes and Sarah – yes. (*Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Vayda  X  Vice Chairman  X  Clerk