Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – February 23, 2016
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall TIME: 6:30PM
PRESENT: Diane Vayda, Sarah Allen & John Tivnan – Selectmen, Johanna Swain – Executive Secretary and members of the press & cable tv.

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

Music Committee – Summer Concerts/July 4th Bonfire Wood:
(Tracy Ashworth, Eric Von Bleicken and Adam Conn were in attendance.)
The Committee expressed their concerns with the proposed MassDOT Intersection Redesign Project and its effect on the summer concerts. The Police Chief stated that parking may be inconvenient but can be accomplished. The Executive Secretary stated that the Highway Superintendent had stated that the road construction should be complete each day before the commencement of the concerts and that parking may be more difficult. After some discussion, it was agreed to host a full summer concert schedule. The Board also agreed to place a new line item in the Celebrations budget for $1,000 for wood for the July 4th Bonfire; to be procured by the Highway Superintendent.

Police Chief O’Donnell – FY17 Proposed Budget and Articles:
Chief O’Donnell reviewed his proposed budget and articles with the Board. The Chief stated that his proposed budget request did not reflect any financial changes made to the Union Contracts.

Highway Superintendent, Jim Daley – FY17 Proposed Budget and Articles:
Highway Superintendent Daley reviewed his proposed budget and articles with the Board. Superintendent Daley stressed that Town Road Maintenance was his number one ranked article, with the loader replacement and Chapter 90 Supplemental running second and third.

Purple Heart Town:
John motioned to execute a proclamation recognizing August 7th annually as Purple Heart Day in recognition of the Town’s Purple Heart recipients. Second Sarah. The Board voted unanimously.

Trident – Insurance Rate Lock:
Berry Insurance submitted a letter to the BOS proposing a rate change of no more than +3%. The Board took the letter under advisement.

111F Quote:
The Executive Secretary stated that she had been in contact with Berry Insurance to obtain a quote from a vendor other Cabot Risk Strategies. The Secretary is in the process of gathering all of the required information for the insurance company.

DRAFT Annual Town Meeting Warrant:
The Board briefly reviewed the DRAFT ATM Warrant.

Executive Session:
John motioned to go into Executive Session under reason #3 to conduct a strategy session with regards to the AFSCME Union and to adjourn directly thereafter. Second Sarah. The Board voted John – yes, Sarah – yes and Diane – yes. (*Executive Session Minutes are kept separately.)

John motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:50pm. Second Sarah. The Board voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Clark