Town of West Brookfield - Board of Selectmen
Meeting Location: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room
Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield
6:30 PM

Selectmen Present: Diane Vayda, Chair Philip Landine Daniel Bigda
Selectman Absent: none
Also in attendance: Deb Blodgett, Administrative Assistant

Regular Session Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.

Accept Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

Personnel

Officer Eric Dyson resigned. Diane read letter of resignation.

- *Motion by Philip to accept the resignation of Eric Dyson. Motion seconded by Daniel. The Board voted unanimously. Motion carried.*

Chief O’Donnell indicated that there were few responses to an advertisement for a replacement. Chief proposed John Bell as a PT officer. Merits of hiring a PT officer were discussed.

- *Motion by Philip to appoint John Bell as a PT police officer on an emergency basis, not to exceed 32 hours, to start as soon as possible. Motion seconded by Daniel. The Board voted unanimously. Motion carried.*

Joseph Borlikowski returned to get an update on the proposal for appointing an assistant harbormaster. Philip discussed liability issues and Town concerns. Philip will ask Police Chief to provide more police presence on lake during busy lake days.

East Quabbin Land Trust

Cynthia returned with landowners, Christine St. Cyr and Christopher Sweeney, to further discuss the merits of a conservation restriction. Landowners gave a brief history of the property ownership of this land and why they are seeking a conservation restriction. Cynthia provided reports and explained how this program affects the Town. If the landowner sells the land, this restriction will pass to new owners. Cynthia explained that this is a long process and was started in 2016. Philip indicated he was against signing the conservation restriction. Documents were provided to Daniel and he will review and call Cynthia with questions/concerns. This project will be discussed again at the June 25 meeting.
**Foster Hill Order of Taking**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Counsel, Amanda Zuretti about the Foster Hill project.

- **Motions by Daniel Bigda, as follows:**
  1. I move that the Board vote to accept the grant of interests in real estate or vote to take such interests by eminent domain, and to layout the portion of Foster Hill Road over Coy's Brook as voted under Articles 23 and 24 of the Annual Town Meeting held on June 4, 2019.
  2. I move that the Board execute the Order of Taking dated June 11, 2019 presented here and that a representative of the Town of West Brookfield shall cause this Order of Taking to be recorded in the Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds, in Worcester, Massachusetts and shall notify the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes in the Town of West Brookfield of this taking in accordance with General Laws c.79, §7F.
  3. I move that the Board vote that a portion of Foster Hill Road over Coy's Brook be laid out as and for a public way under the provisions of Chapter 82 of the General Laws, and amendments thereto, according to the description in the Order of Taking dated June 11, 2019 authorized by the votes under Articles 23 and 24 of the June 4, 2019 Annual Town meeting, and take by eminent domain such interests in land as are shown in the Schedule annexed to said Order of Taking.
  4. I move that, having considered the question of damages sustained by the owners of the lands across and through which said street has been laid out as aforesaid, we hereby determine that no damages have been sustained and none are awarded, other than as shown in the Schedule annexed to said Order of Taking.
  5. I move that a representative of the Town of West Brookfield shall cause this Order of Taking to be recorded in the Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds, in Worcester, Massachusetts and shall notify the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes in the Town of West Brookfield of this taking in accordance with General Laws c.79, §7F.

*Motion seconded by Philip. The Board voted unanimously. Motion carried.*

**New Business**

- Routine correspondence reviewed
- Plumbing/electrical inspectors doing own turnovers rather than BOS Admin.
- Discussed FY20 Budgets and review of warrant schedules sent by Town Accountant
- Discussed one day pour permit application by Linda Galvin. Town policy was not followed and permit was denied. Permit fee was returned to applicant.
- Need for public safety complex discussed. Board may consider forming a committee to study need.
Meeting Adjourned

- Motion by Daniel Bigda to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm  Motion seconded by Diane Vayda.  
  Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane Vayda, Chairman  Philip Landine, Vice-Chairman  Daniel Bigda, Clerk

**These minutes were approved and accepted at the 12/17/19 Selectmen meeting**