Town of West Brookfield-Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting - Regular Session – March 16, 2016
LOCATION: Lower Level Conference Meeting Room – Town Hall  TIME: 6:15PM
PRESENT: Diane Vayda, Sarah Allen & John Tivnan – Selectmen.

Call To Order: 6:20PM - The meeting was called to order by Diane at 6:20 pm
(Continuation of recessed meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.)

John motioned to support a 2% Cost of Living Increase (COLI) for FY17 for all Non-Union and Elected Officials. Second Diane. The Board voted John and Diane – yes, Sarah – abstain. The Board agreed to send a memorandum to the affected employees. The Selectboard agreed that they would forgo their COLI for FY17.

It was agreed to leave the Fire Department stipends; pending further information; however adjustments should be made to the hourly rates of the fire employees to reflect the supported 2% COLI. Any employees falling below the minimum wage threshold should be adjusted up to the minimum wage rate.

Noting that Longevity Stipends were not given last fiscal year, John motioned to allow Longevity Stipends to those employees who meet the criteria outlined in the Employee Handbook. Second Diane. The Board voted John and Diane – yes, Sarah – abstain.

The Board attended the Advisory Committee meeting.

There was a brief discussion on whether or not the fire exhaust system had been installed in the Fire Station.

It was questioned if the Leland Road Well Project had been closed out and also the current status of the contingency fund.

The Board agreed to add an article to the ATM Warrant to correct the Groundwater Protection map.

The Board agreed to look into the Education Policy as it relates to required classes for the ACO.

Sarah left the meeting at approximately 8pm.

John motioned to change the Tax Title value from $10,000 to $20,000. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

John motioned to support an Override of $400,000 for additional funding requested by the School District. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

John motioned to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as amended. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

John motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:15pm. Second Diane. The Board voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Vayda
Chairman

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John Tivnan
Vice Chairman

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