TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 5, 2014

Present: Roger Slobody   Johanna Swain, Executive Secretary
         Brad Hibbard    Diane Vayda, Selectwoman
         Phil Landine    Mark Long, Selectman
         Kevin Paquette  Cheryl Quigley, resident
         Tom Long
         Richard Gobi

Joint meeting between Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Long at 6 p.m.

MINUTES: Phil Landine made a motion to approve the minutes of March 31, 2014. Roger Slobody second. Voted 6-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

Phil Landine made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2014. Roger Slobody second. Voted 6-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

Phil Landine made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2014. Roger Slobody second. Voted 6-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

FINAL REVIEW OF WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE #1 Election. Approved
ARTICLE #2 Annual Reports. Approved.
ARTICLE #3 Elected Officers Compensation. Approved.
ARTICLE #4 Budget Request money. Approved.
ARTICLE #5 $158,134.00 Payments owed on bonds for QRMHS. Approved.
ARTICLE #6 Treasurer appointed versus elected on ballot. Approved.
ARTICLE #7 Cemetery Revolving Account. Approved.
ARTICLE #8 Stormwater Revolving Account. Approved.
ARTICLE #9 Tree Warden Revolving Account. Approved.
ARTICLE #10 Water Commissioners Standby Duty. Approved.
ARTICLE #11 $20,000 Reevaluation Account. Approved.
ARTICLE #12 Amend Zoning Bylaws. Roger Slobody said he had spoken with Tim Morrell who had asked the Advisory Board to support the zoning article. Richard Gobi stated that he had attended the first public hearing and there was little support for changes. Roger had not attended any of the three public hearings and could not offer any details. He asked that we contact Tim Morrell for further info. After a conference call with Tim Morrell, the committee’s discussion centered on waiting for more information at town meeting before voting on the article. Roger made a motion to recommend passage of the article. The motion was seconded. The vote failed to get a majority.
Richard Gobi made a motion to suspend our vote on recommending the article until the town meeting. Brad seconded the motion and it passed. Roger abruptly left the meeting stating that he was resigning.

**ARTICLE #13** $30,000 Town Building Maintenance Account. Approved.

**ARTICLE #14** $50,000 Town Road Maintenance Account. Approved.

**ARTICLE #15** Library Trustees to six. Approved.

**ARTICLE #16** $60,000 Town Chapter 90 Money. Approved.

**ARTICLE #17** Sprinkler. Richard Gobi made a motion to disapprove the article. Kevin Paquette second. Voted 2 to disapprove the article and 3 not to disapprove. Phil Landine made a motion to pass over the article. Brad Hibbard second. Voted 5-0 to pass over the article.

**ARTICLE #18** $10,000 Highway Expense Account. Approved.

**ARTICLE #19** Advisory Housekeeping Bylaw. Approved.

**ARTICLE #20** $25,000 Reserve Fund. Approved.

**ARTICLE #21** 16 Cedar Drive Land. Approved.

**ARTICLE #22** 24 Mill Road Land. Approved.

**ARTICLE #23** Water Department truck $33,865. Approved.

**ARTICLE #24** $23,000 repave Leland Road. General discussion about previous private roads repaved with residents paying 50% and the present road is in good shape. Phil Landine made a motion to pass over the article. Richard Gobi second. Voted 5-0 to pass over.

At 7:30, the meeting was recessed until Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6 p.m.

**MAY 8, 2014**

Present: Tom Long  
Kevin Paquette  
Richard Gobi  
Brad Hibbard  
Phil Landine

The meeting reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

Richard Gobi will call Tim Morrell for more information on the Article #12 Amend Zoning Bylaws.

General discussion held regarding $186,191.29 needed to balance the budget and whether to cut budgets, take entire amount out of stabilization of some of each. We will send a letter to the selectmen suggesting taking 7% out of the Police, Fire, Highway and Library
and the remainder out of stabilization and request to meet with them at 6:30 prior to the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

- Police Department 7% = $38,131.36
- Highway Department 7% = $33,601.56
- Library 7% = $12,889.64
- Fire Department 7% = $7,413.95

Re-organization of the Advisory Committee:

Phil Landine made a motion to have Richard Gobi serve as Chairman. Brad Hibbard second. Vote was unanimous. Phil Landine made a motion to have Kevin Paquette serve as Vice Chairman. Brad Hibbard second. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary