The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Loughlin at 6:16 p.m.

**REORGANIZATION:** Brad Hibbard made a motion to have Lori Loughlin continue as Chair. Richard Gobi second. Vote was 5 to 1 abstain (Lori Loughlin) to have Lori Loughlin as Chair. Tom Long made a motion to have Brad Hibbard continue as Vice Chair. Pam Griffing second. Vote was 5-1 abstain (Brad Hibbard) to have Brad Hibbard as Vice Chair.

**MINUTES:** Richard Gobi made a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2017 as presented. Brad Hibbard second. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of April 18, 2017 as presented.

**6:30 p.m.** Meeting recessed to attend Selectboard’s meeting.

**6:55 p.m.** Advisory Committee meeting reconvened inviting Selectboard members and Executive Secretary to attend to go over the Warrant Articles with Moderator Trevor Brown.

The committee expressed concerns about the potential length of the meeting and the order of some of the articles. The moderator provided procedural information that might assist in moving the meeting along. The committee discussed moving Article 27 (Town Treasurer to become appointed), Article 28 (Tax Collector to become appointed), Article 29 (Strong Fire Chief), Article 30 (Weak Fire Chief) and Article 32 (Fire vehicle) closer to the beginning of the meeting to provide for greater community input. The moderator is talking to Town Counsel regarding Articles 29 and 30, that we need to provide clarification that one article is contingent upon the other. Committee discussed preparing a document to assist voters in making their decisions at town meeting.
The committee went over articles on the warrant and discussed recommendations.

Article 11: $10,000 placed in Tax Title Expense Account: Further discussion needed.
Article 17: $50,000 placed in Town Road Maintenance Account.
Articles 19, 20: Speed limits: Need more information.
Articles 21, 22, 23 (Water Tank Articles to engineer and paint water tank and electrical line). Need to have the Water Department come to our next meeting to discuss. Johanna Swain will contact the Water Department.
Article 26: FY14 & FY15 medical invoices: Town Counsel should provide an explanation to voters at Town Meeting.
Article 32: Pass over. It was stated at Special Town Meeting that this would be passed over at the ATM.

BUDGETS: All budgets were reviewed and the following changes noted.
**Budget #1:** Moderator: Wages: Change from $153 to $600 and this amount to include mileage. Expenses: $85. Total Budget $685.
**Budget #3:** Advisory Committee: Wages: Change from $969.81 to $1500. Expenses: Change from $450 to $300. Total Budget $1800.
**Budget #13:** Zoning: What were general expenses used for. Ask Johanna to check.
**Budget #38:** Council on Aging. Ask Linda MacCoy to come to next meeting to discuss.

SCHOOL BUDGET: Received information that Warren unanimously passed the School Committee’s recommended School Budget (without the additional three positions) at their meeting tonight. As a result of Warren’s vote, West Brookfield’s match for the school district operating budget for the school district is $3,456,205 with an above minimum contribution of $248,679.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. Johanna will ask the Water Department to come in to discuss articles on warrant. Secretary will ask Linda MacCoy to come in to discuss the Council on Aging Budget.

Robert Blozie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Griffing second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary