The Advisory Committee met at the West Brookfield Elementary School prior to the Special Town Meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Tivnan at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: Roy Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2012. Diane Vayda second. Voted 5-0 to approve as presented.

Richard Gobi Appointment: Jack Tivnan said Skype is a Selectmen issue. Richard Gobi said it is allowable under State Law. Jack agreed. Marie Arsenault said we do not have wireless in the meeting room at this time. The selectmen have not appointed Richard Gobi to date and because it is over 30 days the Advisory Committee may appoint him. Tom Long made a motion to appoint Richard Gobi to the Advisory Committee. Roy Roberts second. Vote 5-0 to appoint Richard Gobi to the Advisory Committee.

Review Warrant Articles #11 & #18:
Article #11: To see if the Town will vote to call upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to reverse the Supreme Court’s ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and restore constitutional rights and fair election to the people. Richard Gobi made a motion to recommend. Roy Roberts second. Voted 3 to recommend, 2 abstain (Tom Long and Diane Vayda).

Article #18: Vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain and to accept a deed to the town of either the fee in or an easement or restriction over all or a portion of the land shown as Lot 7 on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Lots in West Brookfield, Mass. Owned by Overlook Realty Trust”, dated January 5, 1972 by Theodore P. Drazek, recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in plan book 361 as plan 88, for water supply purposes, upon such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine to be appropriate, and further to see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Water Stabilization Account for the purpose and any expenses related thereto, and authorize the Board of Water Commissioners and Town officers to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this article. Richard Gobi asked how much money and what was it for. Lester Paquette said the amount if $4,000.00 to be used to pay for the deed, surveying, easements and legal fees. Tom Long made a motion to recommend. Richard Gobi second. Voted 5-0 to recommend approval.
Recommendation for % Pay Increase for Non-union Employees: Jack Tivnan recommends at this time 0% pay increases for non-union employees and departments to level fund budgets. Roy Roberts made a motion to recommend 0% increases for non-union employees and all departments to level fund budgets. Richard Gobi second. Voted 5-0 0% increases and level funded budgets.

Adjourn at end of Town Meeting: Tom Long made a motion to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting at the end of Town Meeting. Richard Gobi second. Vote 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary