TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 20, 2014

Present:  Kevin Paquette  Lester Paquette, Water Commissioner
          Brad Hibbard   Bob Benson, Water Commissioner
          Phil Landine   Barry Nadon, Sr., Water Commissioner
          Lori Loughlin
          Tom Long
          Richard Gobi

The meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Gobi at 6:15 p.m.

MINUTES:  Kevin Paquette made a motion to accept the minutes of October 6, 2014.
Brad Hibbard second.  Voted unanimously to accept the minutes of October 6, 2014 as presented.

WATER DEPARTMENT:  The Water Commissioners were upset that the Advisory Committee put an article on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting before meeting with them.  It was explained that this was a time issue before the warrant was closed and that we were meeting with them tonight.  It has been determined by Town Counsel that the Article could not be on the Warrant because two Selectmen are unable to vote on it.  After general discussion held, it was agreed that we would negotiate next year looking at savings on chemicals to be put towards paying for health insurance after Well #2 is up and running.

Richard Gobi disagrees with Town Counsel’s opinion of conflict of interest on Warrant Article vote.  He feels they could vote if no other way.  He will get an opinion from the Ethics Commission.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR POSITION:  Brad Hibbard read Chapter 41, Section 23A law on Town Administrator or Executive Secretary.  An Article would have to be put on the Warrant.  The Committee feels we should pursue this.

HIGHWAY/POLICE:  The Selectmen should ask the Highway and Police Department to come in with a budget from now to the end of the fiscal year due to changes that have occurred.  Committee will meet with Selectmen and advise them to do this.

MEETING WITH SELECTMEN:  The Advisory Committee has made several recommendations to the Selectmen.  Brad Hibbard will make a list and we will meet with Selectmen tomorrow evening at 7 and ask what progress has been made.  Advisory Committee will ask that the Selectmen put the money articles last at the Special Town Meeting.
PUBLIC ACCESS TV: Secretary to invite Barry Gillogly, Public Access TV to meet with the Committee after the Special Town Meeting.

Kevin Paquette made a motion to recess the meeting until tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. to meet with Selectmen. Tom Long second. Voted unanimously to recess until tomorrow evening at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary

SELECTMEN’S MEETING WAS CANCELLED AND RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 28, 2014 AT 7 P.M. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL POST A MEETING TO MEET WITH THEM AT THAT TIME.