TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 3, 2016
6:15 p.m.

Present:  Brad Hibbard
           Tom Long
           Lori Loughlin
           Pam Griffing

Absent:  Phil Landine
         Robert Blozie
         Richard Gobi

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Loughlin at 6:15 p.m.

MINUTES: Pam Griffing made a motion to approve the minutes of September 25/26, 2016. Lori Loughlin second. Vote was three to approve, one abstain (Brad Hibbard) the minutes as presented.

Discussion held on why the Advisory Committee’s request to be placed on the agenda for the last meeting of the Selectboard was rejected.

TOWN MEETING ARTICLES:

Article #1: Police cruiser. Advisory Committee recommends. If Officer Matt Letendre is going to speak, he will need to be put on the non-resident speakers list.

Article #2: PEG Access & Cable Related Fund. Due to lack of information, the Advisory Committee recommends passing over the article at this time.

Article #3: Post Employment Benefits. The Advisory Committee recommends this article but going forward this article should be put on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Article #4: New Braintree Waterline Extension Project Borrowing: $1,982.50. Pam Griffing made a motion to recommend. Brad Hibbard second. Vote was unanimous to recommend. Articles of a non-emergency nature should be held until the Annual Town Meeting.

Article #5: Highway Loader. Advisory Committee voted to recommend. Articles of a non-emergency nature should be held until the Annual Town Meeting.

Article #6: Traffic Control System. Brad Hibbard talked to Chief O’Donnell and he said that several area towns have the same system and that LED lights made a big difference. Brad Hibbard made a motion to recommend. Pam Griffing second. Vote was unanimous to recommend $6,000 to repair the traffic control system.
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Article #7: Pending legal matters and approve settlement. There has been very little information provided on this article. Does it relate only to the New Braintree Road Settlement and what are the details? Will the Town be reimbursing the Water Department for services and, if so, for what and in what amount? Can Water or Highway Department services be used to decrease costs (excavation, etc.) to the Town? In fairness to the residents, the Advisory Committee will hold off making a recommendation until residents involved have had the opportunity to address the meeting and the BOS has the opportunity to address our financial concerns.

Article #8: Elementary School Sidewalk. The Advisory Committee recommends.

Lori Loughlin read an opening statement to be read at the Special Town Meeting. All agreed it was excellent.

AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 11, 2016 MEETING WITH SELECTBOARD

Advisory Committee Priority Items: With regard to time clocks, Robert Blozie recommended changing the word anticipated to expected date for its full implementation. Brad will change this and a copy will be forwarded to Selectboard.

Budget Form: Pam will send front page to Selectboard and will give a presentation at the meeting.

Pam Griffing made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Hibbard second. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary