TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 21, 2017

Present: Richard Gobi
          Phil Landine (late)
          Tom Long
          Lori Loughlin
          Pam Griffing
          Robert Blozie

Absent: Brad Hibbard

Others Present: Jim DiMaio
                Jerry Czub

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

MINUTES: Robert Blozie made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017 as presented. Pam Griffing second. Vote four to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017 as presented and one abstain (Richard Gobi).

SCHOOL: Lori Loughlin discussed the school. She said West Brookfield’s above minimum contribution amount is $232,000 and Warren $363,000. She said the school has $800,000 in the E&D fund and have used $600,000 in their budget.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT: The two positions to be appointed instead of elected should be on the warrant. This was a recommendation in the Town Manager’s Committee Report and Selectboard should sponsor article.

BUDGET #30-Tree Warden: Jim DiMaio was present. He said he has made huge progress in cutting trees in the cemeteries. When asked about police detail issue, he said he still needed to set up a meeting with the police chief. He said grievances had been filed for not having details. Question was asked what happens to the wood and the answer was that the contractor who cuts the trees gets the wood, which reduces the cost of cutting the trees. Phil Landine questioned why stumps are not removed at the time of cutting the trees. Jim said that usually in May, June or July they have someone come out and grind all the stumps at one time with the Highway Department picking up the debris and filling holes with top soil. He does have money in his budget this year. Committee advised having a line item for tree removal and stump removal.

BUDGET #31-Insect & Pest Control: Jim Dimaio said that he uses his entire $1700 budget every year. It is used to take down specific trees that are diseased.

BUDGET #42-Recreation: Jerry Czub was present. Questioned why there was a line item for ice rink supplies but no maintenance. He said they did not put up the ice rink this year. They had ordered a new rink for $4,000 out of a Recreation Trust Fund that the accountant had told him about but the ground had already frozen when the rink arrived.
They plan on having more activities at the beach. They want to put in a horseshoe pit, want to investigate charging for out of town users, and would like to do more movies on the Common. Camp Soar was popular with about 60 children attending each day.

**BUDGET #22: Building Inspector:** Jeff Taylor was present. Question was asked if he had gone up on his fees and the answer was that he did go up on Commercial but not residential. Mileage: Smaller amount is for the Zoning Officer and larger was his. He turns in his mileage at the end of the year for payment. His salary is paid monthly. The alternate building inspector is necessary for when the building inspector is on vacation.

**MASTER PLAN QUESTIONS:** Reviewed questions for Master Plan Survey. Under Police Department, last sentence change to “Would you support funding for the construction of a new police facility? (Removed wording “Proposition 2 ½ override.”)

**FEBRUARY 27, 2016 MEETING:** Meeting to be cancelled. Secretary will reschedule meeting for Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. Secretary will schedule departments to meet with Advisory Committee for next couple of meetings.

Phil Landine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Gobi second. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary