BOARD OF SELECTMEN

P.O. Box 372
West Brookfield, Massachusetts 01585

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2021

PRESENT: Mrs. Diane Vayda; Chairman, Mr. David J. Pierce, Vice-Chairman, and Roland Sickenberger, Clerk
ATTENDEES: Richard Rossman and members of the Historical Commission

Called meeting to Order at 6:05 PM – Notes provided by Selectman Sickenberger in Mrs. Acerra's absence.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – COMMON VICTUALLER'S LICENSE
Motion to approve the request for a Common Victualler's License for the United Methodist Church for Sunday, November 20, 2021 from 9 AM to 4 PM for Take-Out only made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

MINUTES
Motion to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2021 with an amendment to the COVID-19 updates as noted made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
A firm date for the Special Town Meeting has been set for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7 PM at the West Brookfield Elementary School. The Board is anticipating on signing the Warrant on November 16, 2021 so it can be posted on November 17th.

Highway Superintendent, Jim Daley advised the Board via email that he is running short on funding and may not be able to complete the ongoing downtown project(s). Further discussion will take place on this matter when the Board meets with the departments to discuss article submission for the upcoming STM.

WARRANTS
Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 22 P8 and 22 W8 dated October 21, 2021 in the amount of $77,989.11 and $428,261.82 respectively made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Members of the Historical Commission met with the Board this evening to discuss the next steps forward in making many of the much-needed repairs to the Town Hall. Mr. Rossman provided each member with a copy of the Preservation Act that was signed by a previous board; and recently provided a tour to both Mr. Pierce and Mr. Sickenberger highlighting their top concerns. The top priorities are the repairs to the flashing around the chimney on the east side (Cottage Street) and the repair and/or replacement of the front doors. Mr. Pierce stated that he will reach out to the North Brookfield Fire Department to see if they can send their ladder truck to help in cleaning out the gutters. Mrs. Vayda will contact Paul Lussier for his opinion on some of the work as he is a well-respected tradesman in the industry.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion took place regarding the possibility of changing the Town Clerk's position from elected to appointed. This would require town meeting vote. The Chair of the Planning Board asked that the Board consider this request.

NEXT MEETING DATES: Tentatively November 1st or 2nd. TBD

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – unanimous at 6:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra

Rebecca Acerra
Executive Secretary

Roland Sickenberger, Clerk

11-2-21
Date Approved