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BOARD OF SELECTMEN – Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, June 6, 2023 – 6:00 PM

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1. Call Meeting to Order in Open Session 6:00 PM.

Motion to add 1A to the agenda for the purpose of adding transfers that were approved at the Advisory Board Meeting on 6/5/23 as recorded in attached file regarding the police department.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

Motion to approve each transfer as attached.

I move to accept the transfer of $9,930 from 5110 to 5530 for the purchase of long rifles as presented.

Discussion – Police Chief Hagglund explained the purpose of the transfer. The chief pointed out that current long rifles are automatic, and that semi-automatic are easier to aim and are safer than fully automatic weapons that shootout a spray of ammo. This gives officers better control.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

I move to accept the transfer of $,7394.06 from 5110 to 5530 for the purchase of handguns as presented.

Discussion – Police Chief Hagglund explained the purpose of the transfer. Chief explained current handguns are outdated and had once been recalled. He will trade those in and save the town money in the new purchase.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

I move to accept the transfer of $1,670.25 from 5110 to 5500 for the purchase of an AED as presented.

Discussion – Police Chief Hagglund explained the purpose of the transfer. One car does not have an AED and this will outfit the last car. Improves police ability to respond better to certain situations.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

I move to accept the transfer of $3,424.00 from 5110 to 5530 for the purchase of ammunition as presented.

Discussion – Police Chief Hagglund explained the purpose of the transfer. Some ammunition was cut from this year's budget and the officers must have ammo to train to meet police requirements.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

I move to accept the transfer of $9,035.79 from 5110 to 5420 for the purchase of lockers as presented.
Discussion – Police Chief Hagglund explained the purpose of the transfer. Our current lockers do not provide adequate security and we need to insure all weapons are secure.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

I move to accept the transfer of $4,434.00 from 5190 to 5530 for the purchase of trunk vaults for cruisers as presented.

Discussion – Police Chief Hagglund explained the purpose of the transfer. Once again to provide security for long-arms.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

I move to accept the transfer of $3283.50 from 5110 to 5580 for the purchase of a Panasonic Tough Book as presented.

Discussion – Police Chief Hagglund explained the purpose of the transfer. Need to replace a computer in one of the police cars.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

I move to accept the transfer of $3,283.50 from 5110 to 5420 for the purchase of a speed calming device as presented.

Discussion – Police Chief Hagglund explained the purpose of the transfer. Need a more portable device that give police the necessary data to deal with speeding.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

2. Discussion of June 13, 2023, Town Meeting.

Motion to Amend Item 2 to include recommendations on all Articles for Special Town meeting and for Annual Town Meeting. All motions to be discussed in order that they are on each Town Warrant. Votes to recommend or not to be recorded on each Article. Article votes to be recorded on the Special Town Meeting Warrant and the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

Vote to Recommend the following Motions:

Special Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1:

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of **$37.721.99** to supplement appropriations previously voted under Article 4 at the Annual Town Meeting of June 7, 2022, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, for various Departments, and to meet said appropriations, transfer the sums as follows.

Item #	Department	Budget	Adjustment	Revised FY23 Budget	Funding Source
1	Winter Roads – Salary & Wages	$20,718	$10,668.07	$31,386.07	Free Cash
2	Winter Roads – Other Expenses	$83,640	$27,053.92	110,693.92	Free Cash
3			**$37,721.099**		

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Simple majority.
Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICE 2:

SUBJECT: UNPAID BILLS

I move that the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of $14,444.98 to pay the following unpaid bills of previous fiscal years, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sums as follows:

LINE NUMBER	VENDOR	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE
1	Berry Insurance. Year End Auto Endorsement	Board of Selectmen	$300.00	Free Cash
2	Mass Municipal Association. Advertising for Treasurer	Board of Selectmen	$100.00	Free Cash
3	Occupational Health Services. Physicals	Board of Selectmen	$117.12	Free Cash
4	Endpoint. Endpoint Project	Board of Health	$562.50	Free Cash
5	Mass. Correctional Industries. Flag Kits for Veterans Service	Veteran Services	$672.00	Free Cash
6	McClure Engineering	Water Department Water Testing	$4,100.00	Free Cash
7	Borden & Remington. Potassium Hydroxide	Water Department	$7,427.06	Free Cash
8	Solitude Lake Management. Water Sampling	Board of Health	$950.00	Free Cash
9	Trash Removal	Recreation Commission	$216.30	Free Cash
Totals			**$14,444.98**	Free Cash

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Requires a 9/10 vote.
Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 3:

SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT FUND

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of **$5,000.00** to the Unemployment Fund, and to meet said appropriation transfer the sum of $**5,000.00** from the **Free Cash** to such fund.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Simple majority.

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 4:

SUBJECT: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of **$100,000.00** to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (OPEB), and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of **$100,000.00** from **Free Cash** to such fund.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Simple majority.

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 5:

SUBJECT: STABILIZATION FUND

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of **$200,000.00** to the Stabilization Fund, and to meet said appropriation, transfer the sum of **$200,000.00** from the **Free Cash** to such fund.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Simple majority.

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 6:

POTENTIAL FIRE TRUCK GRANT

I move that the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $45,750 from the Fire Truck Stabilization Account for the 5% grant match towards a new Pumper/Tanker Truck, contingent upon receiving the FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

Annual Town Meeting

ARTICLE 1: No motion required – (Sponsored by the Town Clerk)

ARTICLE 2: No motion required – (Sponsored by the Town Clerk)

ARTICLE 3: I move that the Town vote to determine the compensation to be paid to the elected Town Officers as described in the FY 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Handout for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2023.

	FY23	BOS	ADV Com
Moderator	300.00	450.00	300.00
Selectmen (2)	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Selectmen chair	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Assessors (2)	2,913.12	2,913.12	1,800.00
Assessors Clerk	4,161.60	4,161.60	1,800.00
BOH (2)	915.55	915.55	915.55
BOH Chair	1,144.40	1,144.40	1,144.40
Town Clerk	31,661.00	33,244.05	33,244.05
Water Commissioners	400.55	400.55	400.55
	44,496.22	46,229.27	42,604.55

Simple majority. (M.G.L. c. 41, § 108. "The salary and compensation of all elected officers of a town shall be fixed annually by vote of the town at an annual town meeting, but said salary or compensation may be revised by a two-thirds vote of any special town meeting called to conduct business later in the same fiscal year for which said salary or compensation was originally fixed; provided, however, that such salary revision occurs prior to the establishment of the tax rate of the town in said fiscal year.")

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 4: I move that the Town vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 41, § 23A, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Administrator and, further, to change the current position of Executive Secretary to Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen, such positions to be further defined by Job Description as determined by the Board of Selectmen.
(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 No Recommendation

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 5: I move that the Town appropriate the sum of **$9,476,597.50** as the operating Budget of the Town as listed in the Advisory Committee Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request for the purposes and in the amounts specified, and to meet said appropriation, raise the sum of **$9,140,021.00** and to transfer the sum of **$5,500.00** from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund and the sum of **$331,076.50** from Free Cash, and further, vote that any State reimbursements which result in available funds to the Quaboag Regional School District, in excess of the approved budget, shall be used to reduce the Town's assessment
(Sponsored by the Advisory Committee)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 6:
I move that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, 53E ½ to authorize the use of a revolving fund to pay cemetery related expenses which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Burial Grounds Commission fees, such expenditures not to exceed $16,000.00 in fiscal year 2024.
(Sponsored by the Burial Grounds Commission)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 7:
I move that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½ to authorize the Stormwater Authority's use of a revolving fund, which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Stormwater Authority fees, such expenditures not to exceed $25,000.00 in fiscal year 2024.
(Sponsored by the Stormwater Authority)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 8:
I move that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, § 53E ½ to authorize the Tree Warden's use of a revolving fund, which fund shall be credited with receipts from various Stewardship Programs, such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00 in fiscal year 2024.
(Sponsored by the Tree Warden)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 9:
I move that the Town vote, to authorize the Water Commissioners to employ their Licensed Water Commissioners at Grade 1, Step 2 ($13.60 per hour) for standby duty and emergency work in the absence of the Superintendent in Fiscal Year 2024.
(Sponsored by the Water Department)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 10:
I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $50,000 to be placed in the "Town Road Maintenance Account", and to meet said appropriation transfer from Free Cash the sum of $50,000.
(Sponsored by Highway Department)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 11:
I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $25,535 for the purchase of six Tasers, and to meet said appropriation transfer from Free Cash the sum of $25,535.
(Sponsored by the Police Department)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 12:
I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $54,0000 to purchase and equip a current model year 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe Police 4-Wheel Drive, and to meet said appropriation transfer from Free Cash the sum of $54,000.
(Sponsored by the Police Department)
Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 13:
I move that the Town vote will vote to appropriate $10,000 to be placed in the "Repairs To Private Ways Account" to pay for repairs to private ways within West Brookfield pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, 6N and Chapter XII, Section 8 of the General Bylaws, and further, that all repairs made to private ways will be completed in strict adherence to all applicable state laws and West Brookfield bylaws, and to meet said appropriation transfer from Free Cash the sum of $10,000.
(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 14: I move to pass over Article 14.

ARTICLE 15: I move to pass over Article 15.

ARTICLE 16:
I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the fee or any lesser interest, including a lease of up to 99 years, on such terms as the Board of Selectmen may deem appropriate, in the land and improvements thereon in the real property known and numbered as 27 Front Street, West Brookfield, identified on the West Brookfield Town Assessors Map 38 as Lot 2, said parcel having been conveyed to the Town of West Brookfield by the deed of the Brookfield Realty Company, Inc. dated November 20, 1984 recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 8464, Page 218 ("Property"), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article.
(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Requires a 2/3 vote.

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 17:
I move that the Town vote to accept under M.G.L. c. 40, §15C, the Scenic Road Act, under recommendation of the West Brookfield Historical Commission, the designation of Wickaboag Valley Road in the Town of West Brookfield as a Scenic Road and regulating the improvement thereof.
(Sponsored by the Historical Commission)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 0-4-1 Not to Recommend

Discussion centered around restrictions with regard to trees and walls on a person's property.

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 18:
I move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 41, Section 110A, to allow the town to remain closed on any or all Saturdays as may be determined from time to time, and the provisions of section nine of Chapter four shall apply in the case of such closing of any such office on any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday.
(Sponsored by the Town Clerk)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 0-3 Not to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to make No Recommendation

Discussion that the board felt that Saturday might be the only day a citizen could come in for election purposes. They were unclear about the impact of this Article.

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 0-3 Not recommended.

ARTICLE 19:
I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws by amending the Definitions in the Zoning Bylaws as shown in **Attachment 1** copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town's website at www.wbrookfield.com.
(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

2/3 Vote

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 20:
I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws by amending miscellaneous sections in the Zoning Bylaws as shown in **Attachment 2**, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town's website at www.wbrookfield.com.
(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

2/3 Vote

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 21:
I move that the Town vote amend the Town of West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, Section 5, Site Plan Review to provide for a comprehensive review of site plans for commercial uses and accessory dwelling units to protect the health, safety, convenience and welfare of the citizens, as shown in **Attachment 3**, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town's website at www.wbrookfield.com.
(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

2/3 Vote

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 22:
I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws by adding a new section "Accessory Dwelling Units" as shown in **Attachment 4,** copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town's website at www.wbrookfield.com.
(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

2/3 Vote

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 2-1 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 0-4-1 Not to Recommend

Significant discussion about the pros and cons of allowing accessory Dwelling units. A serious question was raised as to the impact on the neighborhood. The Planning Chair spoke and stated that the landowner needed to meet all Zoning and Heath requirements.

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 2-1

ARTICLE 23:
I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws by adding a new section "Village Center District" and rezoning parcels from General District to a new Village Center District as shown in **Attachment 5,** copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town's website at www.wbrookfield.com.
(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

2/3 Vote

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 3-0-2 to Recommend.

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 24:
I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of West Brookfield's Zoning Bylaws by rezoning the parcels from Rural Residential to General as shown on a plan entitled, "Zoning and Overlay District Map, Town of West Brookfield" as shown in **Attachment 6**, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town's website at www.wbrookfield.com.
(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

2/3 Vote

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 25:
I move that the Town vote to amend the Town of West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws by rezoning parcels from Rural Residential to Residential Neighborhood as shown on a plan entitled, "Zoning and Overlay District Map, Town of West Brookfield" as shown in **Attachment 7**, copies of which are available in the Town Clerk's Office and on the town's website at www.wbrookfield.com.
(Sponsored by the Planning Board)

2/3 Vote

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Discussion about lake changes minimum lot size from 2 acres to 1 acre zoning, Decrease # of lots to build a house from 8 to 4.

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 26:
I move that the Town vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 41, § 1B, to change the position of Town Clerk from elected to appointed, contingent upon acceptance of such change by the voters at the next Annual Town Election.
(Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen)

Simple majority

Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Advisory Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

Motion to Recommend made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

ARTICLE 27: (Citizens Petition) Motion to be made by citizen.

Simple majority

No recommendation

3. Discussion of Northeast IT contract.

This cannot be voted on until after the Town Meeting. The new contract begins on July 1, 2023, and is for $2,880.00 per month. Added software bundle below.

AssureIT Protect Add-On Bundle Included Per Full User: Ransomware Protection Suite: -Application Whitelisting -Enhanced Email Security, Anti
-Spam & Encryption -DNS Protection and Web Content Filtering -Security Awareness Training -Upgrade to 24x7 SOC Managed EDR/Endpoint Detection & Response Software for Workstations and Servers Included Per Email Only User: Ransomware Protection Suite: -Enhanced Email Security, Anti-Spam
New Contract cost is $34,560. This is an increase of $7,360.00.

Discussion - Town Administrator explained that the cost of this contract would go up as a result of the purchase of Ransomware to protect the towns data and systems. This will be taken up at our next board meeting. No vote taken.

4. **Vote to give Bonus Pay to the following library employees**:

Employee	Hours	Bonus Pay hourly	Total
MaryAnne Pelletier	1590	.50	$795.00
Holly Takorian	1472	.50	$736.00
Corey Manseau	508	.50	$254.00
Elaine Courtemanche	172.5	.50	$86.25
Linda Higgins	292	.50	$146.00
Jane Ingraham	351	.50	$175.50 Adj. Decimal point
			$2.,192.75

Motion to pay Bonus Pay from ARPA funds as described in the chart above.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken_
2nd by Selectmen Merkel

Vote 3-0

5. **Appointment of Advisory Committee Members:**

A) Move to appoint Pamela Griffing to the Advisory Committee for a term of 3 years beginning on June 30,2023 and ending on June 30, 2026.

Item held.

B) Move to appoint Doug Aspinall to the Advisory Committee for a term of 3 years beginning on June 30,2023 and ending on June 30, 2026. *

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken_
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

C) Move to appoint Ronald Garceau to the Advisory Committee beginning immediately and ending on June 30, 2024. *

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken_
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

D) Move to appoint Michael Audette to the Advisory Committee beginning immediately and ending on June 30, 2024. *

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken_
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

6. **Town Administrator Report –** Town Administrator notified board that we have hired a new clerk in the Tax Collector Office, Discussed legal Service Agreement.

Motion to add to the agenda Legal Service Agreement. 6 A

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken_
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

6 A) Motion to authorize the Town Administrator after discussion with Richard Sandman t to join class action lawsuit if it benefits the to Town of West Brookfield.

Motion made by Selectmen von Bleicken_
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

7. **Warrants & Invoices**

8. **New Business** Have Becky develop a letter for Town Meeting recognizing people like Linda Lincoln, Memorial Day Parade – Heather, whoever donated wood for 4th of Juley bob-Fire.

9. Public Comments & Concerns - None

10. Next Regular Meeting Date: June 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

11. **Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn made by Selectmen von Bleicken
2nd by Selectmen Merkel
Vote 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.