TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN /- TUESDAY, June 11, 2024 – 6:00 PM

West Brookfield Town Hall, BOS Conference Room, 2 E. Main Street, West Brookfield.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. von Bleicken, Vice Chair; Mr. Merkel, Clerk; Mr. San Angelo, Town Administrator; Ms. Gobeille, Exec. Asst. to the TA/Select Board. Guests/Residents: Wayne Clayborne; Paul Lussier (Conservation Committee); Janet Burnham; Charlie Burnham; Kenneth Begin; Colton Marshall, National Grid; David Brown, Lake Wickaboag Committee. ABSENT: Mr. Sickenberger.

6:20pm CALL MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

MINUTES June 4, 2024 FOR APPROVAL.

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of June 4, 2024 by Mr. von Bleicken. Seconded by Mr. Merkel – 2 yes.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW RECREATION MEMBER

Motion to appoint Stephanie Plante to the Recreation Committee by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.

SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Motion to approve a 1-year contract with Solitude Lake Management for Lake Wickaboag by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.

DISCUSSION – Mr. Brown added that the agreement included Tasks 1-5 and any additional services i.e. algae treatments on the Lake are optional.

6:27pm - *Motion to Open Pole Hearing by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.*

PIERCE ROAD POLE HEARING –

Colton Marshall/National Grid – Explained that the Pierce Rd. project is part of a 3-phase installation. Poles weaken over time w/ stronger cables installed; therefore, new poles need to be installed over time. Paul Lussier/Conservation Committee added that their committee has not been notified about pole hearings from National Grid, where wetland areas may be involved and has asked National Grid to notify them going forward. Mr. Marshall indicated that this has always been part of their process, but he would make sure that this was conveyed to Mr. Loquidice/National Grid who sends the Town the pole petitions.

Mr. Burnham stated that there is a line of site issue with Pole 23-50, which is near his property (163 Pierce Rd.). Mr. Begin also stated that there would be an issue with a Pole, which was near his property (207 Pierce Rd.), but all parties thought this would be Pole 7, which has since been removed by National Grid from this petition. There are 6 poles now being installed, not 7.

Select Board has decided to put a HOLD on this petition. A 2nd Pole Hearing will be scheduled and a new notification will be sent out to abutters within 300' of the work being done.

W. MAIN STREET POLE HEARING -

Motion to install 2 JO poles on W. Main St. beginning at a point approximately 20 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of West Main St. and Pierce Rd. and continuing approximately 20 feet in a southwest direction. Install Pole #49-25 on W. Main St. ~ 127' southwest of P1 Pierce Rd. Install Pole #48-50 on W. Main St. ~120' southeast of P49 on W. Main St. verifying that abutters list for W. Main Street has been done correctly by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes (Mr. von Bleicken w/ reservation).

DISCUSSION – Mr. San Angelo stated that going forward that Mr. Jim Daley/Highway must approve the positions of all poles before the Pole Hearings are held.

6:54pm – Motion to close Pole Hearing by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.

MASS DOT 110% MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT - Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9.

Motion to approve the Mass DOT 110% Municipal Agreement for Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 9 by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.

Comments & Concerns

Mr. Merkel would like to know from Highway why we had a "dip in the road" after resurfacing the road ½ mile beyond West Brookfield Elementary School. Ms. Gobeille to email Mr. Daley.

Next Regular Meeting Date: June 25, 2024 – 6 PM

7:04pm - Motion to Adjourn meeting by Mr. von Bleicken. Seconded by Mr. Merkel – 2 yes.

07/22/2024 — 7/24/24 10:00am

Authorized Party for the BOS Date/Time — Town Clerk Date/Time