TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN /- TUESDAY, June 25, 2024 – 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. von Bleicken, Vice Chair; Ms. Gobeille, Exec. Asst. to the TA/Select Board. Guests/Residents: Wesley Slobody (resident/Planning Board); Ed Kurr (Pickleball); Michael Drolet (Recreation Committee); Stephanie Plante (Recreation Committee).
ABSENT: Mr. Merkel, Clerk; Mr. San Angelo, Town Administrator

6:02pm CALL MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

MINUTES June 11, 2024 FOR APPROVAL.
Minutes to be held until next meeting as Mr. Merkel is not in attendance and Mr. Eric von Bleicken was not at 6/11 meeting to approve minutes.

DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST / WESLEY SLOBODY (resident and Planning Board member)
Motion to accept the disclosure by a non-elected municipal employee of financial interest and determination by the Select Board by Mr. von Bleicken. Seconded by Mr. Sickenberger – 2 yes.

DISCUSSION – PICKLEBALL PROPOSAL/FUNDS RECEIVED FROM PICKLEBALL PLAY
Mike Drolet/Recreation would like to ask for Donation and Recreation accounts to be set up for the Recreation Committee. The creation of the Donation acct. would have to be voted on at a Town meeting, possibly at an upcoming STM in the fall 2024.
Mr. Kurr indicated that he has a local business who would like to donate a pickleball net to the Recreation Dept. He's looking to raise funds for another net (costs $250/net). He also is looking to procure marking tape and first aid kits. In his proposal he will be establishing a $40 yearly fee to play pickleball per person or $3 or $4 fee/session. He added that Steve Duff/Quaboag is also looking to get the Quaboag school basketball courts resurfaced and to have tennis courts fixed, enabling them to be also used for pickleball play. Mr. Duff is seeking grants to fund these projects.
Motion to preliminarily approve Pickleball being played in the Great Hall in West Brookfield's Town Hall and creation of a Donation acct. based on the decision in the next West Brookfield town meeting by Mr. von Bleicken. Seconded by Mr. Sickenberger – 2 yes. 2/3 vote of Selectboard.

YEAR END APPOINTMENTS –
Discussion re: all appointments on attached sheet and 3rd constable, Mr. Healy, Jr.
Motion to approve all year-end appointments as written and indicated on the attached spreadsheet except Mr. John Healy, Jr., which will be added to the 7/9 BOS meeting agenda by Mr von Bleicken. Seconded by Mr. Sickenberger – 2 yes.

6:27pm –

Motion to Adjourn meeting by Mr. von Bleicken. Seconded by Mr. Sickenberger – 2 yes.

6:28pm -

Motion to reopen Board of Selectmen meeting by Mr. Sickenberger. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.

DISCUSSION – CONSTABLE APPOINTMENT

Motion to not renew appointment for Mr. John Healy as constable by Mr. von Bleicken. Seconded by Mr. Sickenberger – 2 yes.

6:30pm –

Motion to Adjourn meeting by Mr. von Bleicken. Seconded by Mr. Sickenberger – 2 yes.

Eric von Bleicken 07/24/2024 Heather Fearey 7/24/24 10:00am

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