TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN /- TUESDAY, August 20th, 2024 – 6:00 PM

West Brookfield Town Hall Conf. Room, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mr. von Bleicken, Vice Chair; Mr. Merkel, Clerk; Mr. San Angelo, Town Administrator; Ms. Gobeille, Exec. Secretary to TA/BOS.
GUESTS: Ms. Lori Loughlin, Chair Advisory Committee; Ms. Mary Aicardi, Collins Center.
ABSENT: Mr. Sickenberger, Chair.

6:02PM CALLED MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF AUGUST 6th 2024 FOR APPROVAL.
Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of August 6th, 2024 by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: EMERGENCY SERVICE AGREEMENT, WEST BROOKFIELD
Mr. San Angelo explained that Mr. McCall/West Brookfield Rescue Squad had some changes to the contract with the Town and is discussing with his lawyer. Agenda item held and will be moved to the next Select Board meeting on September 3rd at 6:00PM.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: NICHOLAS THOMO APPOINTMENT AS ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR WEST BROOKFIELD
Motion to approve the appointment of Nicholas Thomo as Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of West Brookfield as of September 1st, 2024 by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: COLLINS CENTER REP MARY AICARDI PRESENT, DISCUSSING TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH.
Ms. Aicardi and Ms. Meekins/Collins Center via Zoom for this meeting discuss their Scope of Services to the Town. Firstly, they would like to create a profile of what kind of TA the Town is looking for. There will be a screening committee and then recommendations from Collins Center of finalists, which will be interviewed by a panel of people from West Brookfield, not on a Committee/role for the Town. Timeline is profile created by September, screening, then interviews early October. Ms. Aicardi to send questionnaires to Board members individually to create the profile to be approved by September 3rd's meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS
Mr. San Angelo explained that the Police Chief will be at the next BOS meeting discussing the staffing issues in the Police Dept. He is developing a plan of moving forward and will present to the Select Board then.
Fire Truck problems – cracked engine and unusable. Chief Lapierre to work on this when he gets back.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS
Beach permits – Facebook talk from residents re: spaces (lack of) at Town Beach (Lake Wickaboag). Mr. San Angelo explained that there are 7 spaces on the Boat dock launch area specifically for out-of-town boaters as

they are allowed to use the Lake. Questions about issuance of beach permits as well. Permits are issued by the Police Dept. Admin.

Next Regular Meeting Date: September 3rd, 2024 – 6 PM

7:04PM MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING by Mr. Merkel. Seconded by Mr. von Bleicken – 2 yes.

9/3/24 @ 6:00pm. Heather Clough 9/4/24 3:00pm

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