TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

TUESDAY, March 31, 2026 – 6:00 PM

West Brookfield Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, Conference room, 1st Floor

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

STAFF PRESENT: Roland Sickenberger, BOS Chair; Catherine Lamica, BOS Vice Chair; Theresa Cofske, Town Administrator; Beth Gobeille, Exec. Asst. to TA/BOS; Jim Daley, Highway Superintendent; Jacob Conway, WBCTV camera operator.

ABSENT: Brad Merkel, BOS Clerk.

GUESTS: John O'Leary, CMRPC; Henry Brogna, resident; Zacharia Fragkiadakis, Quaboag Current correspondent; Jenn Trigiano and Amber Kowalczyk, East Brookfield Playground Committee.

6:03PM: MOTION TO OPEN THE BOS MEETING

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (CMRPC) JOINT GRANT APPLICATION – CMRPC representative John O'Leary was in attendance, described the current joint Town application for Community Development Block Grant funds and the projects each Town were looking to get funds for. Towns included in this application are West Brookfield, East Brookfield, Barre and Hardwick.

Members of the Board of Selectmen asked if these were matching grants, requiring commitment from the Town and if there would be a grant administrator for the joint application. Mr. O'Leary indicated that there is no Town commitment for the grant and CMRPC will carry out the day-to-day administration for the grants.

Motion: ***I move to support and approve the submission of a FY26 CDBG application including the activities as presented today (with allowance for budget and/or program adjustments in accordance with the FY26 funding cap), and 2) and to authorize the Town Administrator, Chair of the Board of Selectmen and Town Accountant to sign documents required for the application made by Ms. Lamica. Second by Mr. Sickenberger. Vote: Unanimous (2-0). All in favor.***

Motion: ***I move to appoint and designate Theresa Cofske, West Brookfield Town Administrator as the Town's Environmental Certifying Officer (ECO) made by Ms. Lamica. Second by Mr. Sickenberger. Vote: Unanimous (2-0). All in favor.***

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE RESIGNATION –

Motion: ***I move to accept the resignation from Rebekah Cornell from the Capital Planning Committee made by Ms. Lamica. Second by Mr. Sickenberger, adding that he thanks them for their years of service. Vote: Unanimous (2-0). All in favor.***

TREASURY WARRANTS –

Motion to approve FY26 Accounts Payable Warrant #20 and FY26 Payroll Warrant #20, as presented made by Ms. Lamica. Second by Mr. Sickenberger. Vote: Unanimous (2-0). All in favor.

Mr. Sickenberger reminded the Public of the upcoming Public Information Sessions:

Wednesday, April 1st at the West Brookfield Elementary School at 6:30pm

Monday, April 13th at the West Brookfield Senior Center at 6:30pm

Monday, April 27th at the West Brookfield Elementary School at 6:30pm

6:20pm: Motion: ***I move to adjourn the meeting made by Ms. Lamica. Second by Mr. Sickenberger. Vote: Unanimous (2-0). All in favor.***

4/14/2026

Authorized Party for the BOS Date

4/15/26

BOS Clerk Date