TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN JOINT MEETING WITH ADVISORY

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 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; Brad Merkel, BOS Clerk. (virtual); Theresa Cofske, Town Administrator; Beth Gobeille, Exec. Asst. to TA/BOS; Anne Garwood-Hampp, Highway Dept. Secretary; Advisory: Lori Loughin, Chair; Mike Audet, Co-Chair; Dan Moberg, member; Alex Price, member; M.J. Haesche, member; Melinda Barnes, Secretary; Jacob Conway, WCBTV Camera Operator;

GUESTS: Henry Brogna, resident; Steve Duff, QRSD Superintendent.

Advisory had discussions with Highway, Fire and Historical about their FY2027 budgets.

JOINT: FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET DEFICIT – Advisory and Board of Selectmen went through an exercise making cuts in the current FY2027 budget, should the override fail. The gap in the budget would be approximately $717,000. It was noted that if the West Brookfield Elementary School were to close, we would need an additional $200,000 to maintain the building.

Ms. Cofske indicated that she would hold a Department Meeting on Tuesday AM to discuss the potential for additional budget cuts should the override fail.

The next Board of Selectmen's regular meeting will be held on April 28th at 6:00pm.

9:15pm: Motion: ***I move to adjourn the meeting made by Ms. Lamica. Second by Mr. Merkel. Vote: Unanimous (3-0). All in favor.***

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Lamica 5/4/2026

Authorized Party for the BOS Date

Klarissa Rose 5/7/2026

BOS Clerk Date