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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, 18-25, as amended by Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009, The Wetlands Protection Act, the West Brookfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **WEDNESDAY March 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm** in the first floor meeting room, West Brookfield Town Hall, 2 East Main Street.
6:10 – Public Hearing:
•RDA – 7 Rodman Street – Gerald Nichols – Retaining

wall reconstruction
•NOI Continuation – Rte. 9 Reconstruction and Rehabilitation
03/01/24

TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40A, Section 9, and Section 11 Back Lot Permit, of the West Brookfield Zoning Bylaws, the Planning Board will open a public hearing on **Monday March 18 2024 at 7:00 pm** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 2 East Main Street, for the following application:

Justin Paquette of 103 Rice Corner Rd, Brookfield seeks Special Permit approval to create a Backlot, approximately 6.5 acres at 141 and 143 Shea Road, West Brookfield.

Interested parties may review the plan at the office of the Town Clerk in the Town Hall, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield. A copy is posted on the display board outside of the Town Hall.

The Board invites all interested parties to attend the public hearing.

Rebekah Cornell
Chairwoman
03/01, 03/08/24

East Brookfield Police Log

During the week of Feb. 19-25, the East Brookfield Police Department responded to 139 building/property checks, 77 directed area patrols, seven traffic controls, 12 radar assignments, six emergency 911 calls, three complaints, one fraud, one identity theft, three citizen assists, six assist other agencies, three investigations, one safety hazard, three animal calls and 45 motor vehicle stops in the town of East Brookfield.

Monday, Feb. 19

1:51 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Investigated
9:56 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, West Main Street, Services Rendered
4:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Howe Street, Arrest(s) Made

Tuesday, Feb. 20

8:28 a.m. Investigation, South Pond Road, Negative Contact
9:19 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Spoken To
9:49 a.m. Investigation, Connie Mack Drive, Dispatch Handled
11:57 a.m. Complaint, Harrington Lane, Spoken To
12:56 p.m. Fraud, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken
3:41 p.m. Safety Hazard, East Main Street, Services Rendered
3:56 p.m. Assist Citizen, High Rocks Road, Spoken To

Wednesday, Feb. 21

11:40 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown, Dispatch Handled
1:30 p.m. Identity Theft, Connie Mack Drive, Officer Handled
4:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
4:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued
5:06 p.m. Radar, Route 49, Citation Issued
5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
5:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
8:01 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, East Main Street, Negative Contact
8:19 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Out of Town, Negative Contact
10:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Flag Road, Citation Issued

Thursday, Feb. 22

4:46 a.m. Parking Complaint, East Main Street, Officer Handled
9:10 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Abandoned, Howe Street, Officer Handled
1:30 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown, Spoken To
1:40 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Unknown, Officer Handled

1:43 p.m. Assist Other Agency, West Sturbridge Road, Dispatch Handled
2:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Friday, Feb. 23

9:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued
10:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
11:03 a.m. Assist Citizen, Connie Mack Drive, Report Taken
5:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued
8:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Citation Issued
11:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued

Saturday, Feb. 24

2:20 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Podunk Road, Report Taken
8:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
8:27 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
8:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued
9:24 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Mechanic Street, Citation Issued
10:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
10:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
10:47 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
11:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
11:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
3:06 p.m. 911 Trespass, Blaine Avenue, Taken to Family/Guardian
8:46 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Mechanic Street, Negative Contact
9:17 p.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Route 49, No Action Required

Sunday, Feb. 25

9:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, East Main Street, Citation Issued
9:32 a.m. Investigation, West Main Street, Investigated
11:54 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Route 49, Vehicle Towed
12:30 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, East Main Street, Services Rendered
1:55 p.m. Assist Other Agency, North Street, Negative Contact

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their best foot forward to give our kids these opportunities, which is outstanding," Duff said.

Warren's total operating assessment is proposed at \$4,375,731 (\$21,644 or 0.5% over last year) and West Brookfield's total operating assessment is \$4,560,838 (\$81,386 or 1.76% over last year).

"When you look at the overall net assessment to the town," Duff told Warren Board of Selectmen. "We've never been at .05% before."

Duff credited part of this to regional transportation reimbursement.

Duff said it's also important to note the school district's efforts to be efficient including partnering with the towns for a Green Communities grants which helped fund and HVAC upgrade at Warren Community Elementary School and a lighting upgrade at West Brookfield Elementary School.

Energy and lighting upgrades through National Grid were also completed at Quaboag Regional Middle High School and at each elementary school.

Since these upgrades have been completed, Duff said the school district has seen a decrease in daily heating oil usage. He said the school district will continue to track the gallons used per day to make adjustments to the fiscal year 2026 heating oil line item.

"The total project efficiencies were \$1.5 million that the district took on in one year," Duff said. "We're going from 140,000 to 40,000 kilowatts per hour... [in five years] we're going to see some very significant savings for the towns, both in fuel and electricity"

The total projected cost to local assessments for these efficiency projects is \$56,000 (or \$942 per month) over five years.

Duff said the school district has received a number of competitive grants thanks to the efforts Assistant Superintendent of Development Madeline Smola and Facilities Director Marc Astrella. Total grants received equaled \$1,963,555.

Grants received include Growing Literacy Equity Across Massachusetts, Innovation Pathways, Social Emotional Learning, High Quality Instructional Materials, 21st Century, After School and Out of School Time, Acceleration Academy, Student Opportunity Act and Ignite!

"If you take that and combine it with what we've done in energy efficiencies, you're looking at roughly \$3.4 million in grants and energy efficiencies, which ultimately help impact the local assessment," he said. Duff said the school district is looking at this as a long term solution because it's a six year project.

Duff said the total operating assessment increased by \$103,051, with \$21,644 to Warren and \$81,386 to West Brookfield.

For Warren, the transportation assessment is expected to decrease by \$118,603 and for West Brookfield by \$90,170.

Contributing factors to budget changes for FY 25 include salary increases (an increase of \$357,857 or 3%), Medicaid (\$5,188 or 2.8%), transportation (\$29,191 or 2%), special education tuition (\$117,738 or 7.5%), insurance (\$171,899 or 6.4%), special education transportation (\$8,851 or -1.1%), fuel (\$54,525 or -15%) and electricity (\$83,530 or -26%).

"There's pros and cons," Duff said of these factors.

The School Committee will vote on the proposed budget on March 18.