

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2014
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT: Mr. David A. Delanski, Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Lavash, Sr. Vice-Chairman and Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Clerk
ATTENDEES: See list (attached)

Chairman Delanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Shepard Municipal Building.

Chairman Delanski announced that tonight's meeting was being both video and audio taped and requested anyone in the audience to disclose if they are recording tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Delanski read correspondence from Mr. Fountain received and addressed at a prior meeting:

The correspondence from Mr. Fountain was relative to property he owns and his inquiry as to any interest on the part of the Town to purchase for future Town developments. Mr. James Fountain was invited to tonight's meeting to address his correspondence. There was a brief discussion with Mr. Fountain as to the location of the property which abuts the Highway Garage. Mr. Fountain remarked there is a house on the property which he may remove; he may clear some areas in back for a subdivision. His plans are not set at the moment, but wished to see if there was any interest on the part of the Town. Mr. Nardi inquired as to his time frame for having a response from the Board, Mr. Fountain replied, sometime in the spring. There was a consensus of the Board to review the matter and visit the site with Mr. Fountain following the Holidays.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Mr. James Kordek inquired about any progress on the removal of the barriers in front of Town Hall.

Mr. Lavash responded that a response is expected from the engineers that evaluated the front. Until such time, it may not be possible. Mr. Delanski requested that a call be made to see if the barriers could be removed before the holidays. Mr. Delanski acknowledged making a commitment at a prior meeting of the Board; to working to have the barriers removed. Mr. Lavash will follow up, as the THR committee is actively working on the matter.

Mr. Stanley Soltys inquired about the clock chimes in the Town Hall Tower. Mr. Delanski stated he had spoken with Seth Blackwell; there is need for some parts to make the chimes operational and that there was someone looking into having the parts made, possibly Mr. Steve Rust. Mr. Soltys additional inquired about accessing the room which houses the chimes. Mr. Steve Rust stated he met with Mr. Blackwell earlier relative to the matter and indicated Mr. Blackwell was looking for permission from the Board to run the system. A prior letter from the Board granted Mr. Blackwell access to the building; the Board requested a supplemental letter to be sent, giving him permission to start up the system (chimes). Lastly, Mr. Soltys indicated that there is the matter of lost keys to access the room; he asked permission from the Board to send someone he knows to have keys made. Mr. Delanski remarked the Town has a locksmith and requested contact be made to secure new keys, with a key to be reserved for Mr. Blackwell.

Carol on – system installed in 1991 – presently no access to the room

Prepare letter to Mr. Blackwell granting permission to reinstated and operate the carol system

Ms. Prokop was asked to locate keys or have locksmith gain access to the room

Mr. Fountain spoke to banners/decorations that had been purchased some time ago and hung across Main St. on utility poles. The utility company discouraged the practice and the banners/decorations removed. He has the opportunity to acquire some poles that could be used by the Town for this purpose and inquired as to the Board's position on this. The Board agreed it would be beneficial; Mr. Dario reminded all, of the upcoming DOT Downtown Improvement project; the subject could be revisited at that time.

Mr. Kordek spoke to the Veteran Council's recent work to update the Honor Roll up by the Warren Library. There is a large panel of plexi-glass which was replaced and the old panel needs to be disposed of. He is asking the Board to reach out to the Board of Health to allow for the disposal of the old panel at the transfer station. Mr. Delanski asked that the Highway department be contacted to facilitate the pickup and disposal at the transfer station. Mr. Kordek offered to bring the panel to the highway barn.

7:15 NATIONAL GRID/VERIZON – POLE HEARING (3 PETITIONS)

Present: National Grid – Diane Clause Tree Warden: Ken Lacey

Mr. Delanski called the hearing open at 7:18 PM – asked that all three petitions be read aloud; he will allow time for comments/discussion on each individually; await a vote and then close the hearing.

Mr. Nardi read the 1st petition for Reed Street

Ms. Clause stated all three locations have tree guides; they are not permitted to re-install tree guides. They do not actively go out to remove them, except when working at a pole location, which is the case here for all three locations.

Mr. Nardi read 2nd and 3rd petitions for Bemis Road and Southbridge Road, respectively.

Tree Warden Ken Lacey has inspected the locations and reached out to Ms. Clauses' supervisor earlier in the day, to request that the anchors be shifted further away from the tree's root system. He was given an affirmative that they could comply with his request and therefore Mr. Lacey is in favor of granting the petitions.

There was no further discussion or comments from the Board members and no other person(s) in the audience commented on the requests. Mr. Delanski called the hearing to a close and awaiting a motion.

A motion to allow the three (3) individual petitions was made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board members reviewed the following:

- a. Notice from National Grid that intends to selectively apply herbicides along power line rights-of-way that pass through Town as per the Grid's five year vegetation management plan (2014-2018) copy of which is posted at a designated website. Further information can be found in the Selectmen's office. Noted
- b. Fire Chief's Department report for October 2014 and November 2014 respectively. Noted
- c. Notice from ACO Sara Prideaux; has cleared and recommend to Town Clerk to issue a kennel license to Cyndi Wood at 151 Bridge Street. Noted
- d. Notice from Police Chief as to the formal resignation of Warren Police Officer Thomas G. Naujoks effective 11/24/14. Noted

- e. Notice from Cemetery Commissioner Beaudry that the matter regarding the blocking of public way, Cemetery Road is still unresolved. Board requested that Police Chief speak with property owner and Highway Surveyor be contacted to make arrangements for removal of boulders. Additionally prepare for further action if necessary to remedy problem.
- f. Correspondence from Comcast highlighting the products and services Comcast offers to residents and businesses in the community: Xfinity TV; Xfinity High-speed internet/resident & commercial services and the internet essentials program. Noted
- g. Electronic mail from Ms. Erica Brunell as to the possibility of making a commemorative plaque or designation on the crosswalk outside of the Warren Police Department, in honor of Mr. Joseph Murray. She is seeking the Board's guidance on making the idea a reality. Mr. Delanski requested the matter be placed on an upcoming BOS meeting agenda; following the completion of the DOT Downtown project. Notice sent to Ms. Brunell of the Boards action(s) and reason due to DOT project.
- h. Notice from Warren Patrolmen's Association President, Jeffrey Von Duaber advising of the union's intent to enter into negotiations with the Town for the next contract term. Current contract ends June 30th, 2015. Send letter to WPA President, seeking possible dates after the 1st of the year to commence discussions between the parties; ask for multiple dates and times.

ABCC (LIQUOR) ; TOWN AND MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE RENEWALS

See attached Agenda #7 outline for a complete listing:

Licenses issued read out loud by Mr. Nardi and Mr. Lavash respectively in 4 subsections:

ABCC (Liquor) Qty 8 – A motion to approve the following license renewals with same restrictions in year 2014; Provided all licensees are in full compliance with all by-laws; documentation and required inspections: made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous

7 Day Entertainment; Coin Amusements; Sunday Entertainment Qty 12 - A motion to approve the following license renewals with same restrictions in year 2014; provided all licensees are in full compliance with all by-laws; documentation and required inspections: made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous

Common Victualer & Gen. License Qty 9 – A motion to approve the following license renewals with same restrictions in year 2014; Provided all licensees are in full compliance with all by-laws; documentation and required inspections: made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous

Motor Vehicle: Class I, II & III Qty 10 - A motion to approve the following license renewals with same restrictions in year 2014; provided all licensees are in full compliance with all by-laws; documentation and required inspections: made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous

TREASURY WARRANT(S) AND INVOICES

Motion to accept warrants #50 (payroll) and #51 (vendor) dated December 15, 2014 in the amounts of \$42,347.57 and \$74,199.43 respectively was made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

MINUTES

None:

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi announced that Senator Anne Gobi's district aide would be holding office hours in Warren on Wed. January 28th from 2-3 PM in the Selectmen's meeting room. Senator Gobi's office intends to hold office hours on a regular basis in the future with dates/times to be announced.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Ms. Beverley Soltys inquired about the reports from the Fire Chief referenced in Correspondence. Mr. Nardi replied they were for October and November. She further inquired about submission of reports from the Police Chief. Mr. Nardi stated he would contact the Police Chief and make inquiry and have a response for the next meeting on the 6th.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Prokop
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk