

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2014**

PRESENT: Mr. David A. Delanski; Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Lavash, Sr.; Vice-Chairman and Mr. Dario Nardi; Clerk

ATTENDEES: Judy Perron, Peggy Robidoux, Stan and Beverly Soltys, Ed Kretkiewicz, Kathy Kuprycz and Susan Como

Chairman Delanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM 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. None.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter 61A – 37 St. George Road. The new buyer of the property is keeping the property in 61A; therefore the transaction is exempt from the waiver of right of first refusal. The Board of Assessors' will prepare and record updated LIEN once purchase is completed.

The letter from resident, Joseph Kondrat has been forwarded to the Inspector of Buildings. He has reviewed the letter and will work with the Fire Chief to evaluate current protocols in order to move forward.

Dave's Woodworking – Mr. Tetreault emailed the office stating that he has inspected the Bulletin Board in West Warren and found that the board is in great shape aside from the obvious vandalism. Hardware was found to be missing and he will replace it within the next two weeks. Mr. Nardi stated that he inspected the board also and did not feel that it was vandalism. He went on to say that the plexi-glass was warped.

LED Bulb Replacement Program – Mr. Nardi visited the Senior Center and Highway Garage with a representative that will be conducting the program. It appears that 90% of the bulbs will be replaced at no charge to the town. The new bulbs will use ½ of the wattage while providing the same lighting. He also contacted the school district to which will also utilize the program for further savings. In conclusion, Mr. Nardi will also be looking into the possibility of additional savings through way of a streetlight program.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Beverly Soltys requested an update on Phase II of the Town Hall. The current status was unclear however the office will check with Lenard Engineering for an update.

Sue Como stated that 80-85 surveys have been returned. She is in the process of gathering the data and an informational meeting is tentatively scheduled for September.

Judy Perron expressed concern over the recent rash of break-ins within the town. Relatives of Mrs. Perron's have been recent victims. Mr. Delanski asked for an update from the Chief of Police regarding this issue.

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Beverly Soltys questioned where the town stands in light of Chief Spiewakowski's possible departure. Mr. Delanski reminded all in attendance that Chief Spiewakowski is only a finalist and no official decision has been made or given. Mr. Delanski did state that typically should a position become vacant, the past practice of the town was to form a search committee to which their recommendations would be made to the Board of Selectmen. The Select board makes the final decision and appointment. Stanley Soltys feels that the town should revoke the Strong Chief status that is currently in place. Mr. Delanski briefly discussed the manner in which to make a change, however the position must be vacant to do so.

CORRESPONDENCE

Winners of the FOTTH Lucky Duck Race were:

- 1st place – John O'Neil - 2nd place – Joanne Sauer - 3rd place – Martine Storm

Timothy O'Brien contacted the Board regarding the Emergency Management Director/Deputy Director Positions. Although flattered with the amount of faith they have shown in his efforts to date, due to time constraints, he is unable to take the position nor will be able to renew his appointment as Deputy Director. However, he is willing to meet with the Board to discuss and provide an interim solution until a permanent replacement can be made. Mr. Delanski asked that Mr. O'Brien be invited to address the Board in further detail.

AARON DUNN – PORTABLE FOOD COURT

Mr. Dunn has requested to operate a portable food court in the Municipal Lot in the center of Warren. In relation to this proposal, he is considering a similar proposal at his home at 1210 Main Street. That proposal would go before the Planning Board for consideration. With the uncertainty of the request before the board and with Mr. Dunn not in attendance this evening to discuss the matter, the following motion was made: Motion to deny the request by Aaron Dunn to operate a portable food court in the municipal lot as requested made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous. (Mr. Dunn did provide a vendor license fee of \$30.00 in cash which will be returned to him.)

HOUSATONIC SOLAR 1, LLC/MICHAEL STARSIK – NOTIFICATION OF CHAPTER 61A.

Mr. Starsiak is requesting that a portion of his property be taken out of the Chapter 61A status that it currently has in order to lease said portion for solar development. After a discussion, the Board was hesitant to sign at this point. Mr. Delanski requested that a copy of the request be sent to the Conservation Commission for their input. The project is currently before the Planning Board for their consideration. The Board agreed to table this matter to a future date.

TREASURY WARRANTS/INVOICES

Motion to sign warrant #127 dated June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$43,517.30 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

Motion to sign warrant #6 and #7 dated July 21, 2014 in the amounts of \$39,709.47 & \$27,754.67 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

Motion to sign warrant #8 and #9 dated July 28, 2014 in the amount of \$38,690.95 & \$584,259.57 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of May 8, 2014 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of May 13, 2014 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

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Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of July 15, 2014 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Delanski
– 2 Yes, 1 Abstention-Mr. Lavash

SOUTHBRIDGE ROAD- CITIZEN CONCERN

Recent reports of speeding on Southbridge Road have been reported to both the Police Department and Selectmen's Office. Derick Veliz who resides at 237 Southbridge Road was in attendance this evening to discuss the matter. He stated that he continually observes vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit and would like something done to correct the situation. He also stated that he has placed cones in the middle of the road which has deterred the situation. Mr. Nardi cautioned Mr. Veliz in placing anything in the road to which he could be liable should it cause someone to have an accident. After a discussion, Mr. Nardi stated that he has a meeting scheduled on Friday with the Chief of Police and will discuss the matter with him.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi has proposed that monthly department head meetings be held beginning in September. He would like to see that all departments are following the same policy/procedures that are set forth by the Board. Specific dates/times will be provided at a later date.

CMRPC Delegate for Board of Selectmen- Motion to appoint Mr. Delanski as the CMRPC Delegate for the Board of Selectmen for FY15 made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention – Mr. Delanski.

Next Meeting Date: August 12, 2014 at 7PM unless otherwise posted.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Selectmen's Assistant

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk