

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

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

**ATTENDEES:** Stan & Bev Soltys, James Kordek, Jon Callahan, Jim McKeon, Judy Perrin, Peggy Robideaux & Mike Starsiak

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**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**

Mr. Lavash advised all that the Town Hall Remediation Committee will be meeting on November 19, 2014 at 7PM in the Accountant's office. The Committee has provided two quotes on pest control. One is Critter Control from Worcester with an initial investment of \$2,292.00 with monthly visits \$139.00/month and the other is Premier Pest Control, Inc. from Granby. Premier Pest Control currently services the Senior Center and their quote was \$300.00 for the initial investment with an \$80.00/month fee. The Board was in agreement to go with Premier Pest Control, Inc.

Mr. Lavash and the THRC are working on securing the necessary paperwork which would allow the barriers to be removed. Mr. Delanski promised that they would be down by Christmas. Mr. Soltys stated that he and Steve Rust would like to work on getting the chimes working again. Also for clarification, there was the impression that the Police Department prohibited Seth Blackwell from entering the building to work on the clock. Mr. Blackwell spoke with both Mr. Lavash and Mr. Delanski and stated that he was not prohibited from entering because he never went there. He is willing to go, however, would like a letter stating the Board's approval. *A letter will be sent and a copy will be sent to the Police Department.*

The FOTH are still working towards replacing the door that leads to the basement. Mr. Lavash, Mr. Nardi and Mr. Lacey from the Board of Health did a walk-thru of the building on November 13, 2014. According to Mr. Nardi, 90% of the work has been done. The official written report from the Board of Health is to be provided to the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Lacey removed the Condemnation Order signs; however there is mold present in the basement.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

Mr. Stan Soltys questioned the Board of Selectmen as to whether or not the state was in agreement with the Condemnation Order issued by the Board of Health. Mr. Delanski wasn't exactly sure; however the Order is on file in the office and can be viewed at anytime. Also to clarify, Mr. Delanski stated that there was only a Condemnation Order for the first month, and then changed to "Orders of Conditions". However, to date, the Board of Selectmen's Office and Police Department do not have any documentation noting the Change. Mr. Soltys felt that there is a great deal of misinformation and it should be the charge of the Board of Selectmen to keep the resident property informed.

Mrs. Beverly Soltys asked where the money from the auction went. Mr. Delanski stated that the money goes into Free Cash however it will not show up until next year's budget. The \$100,000.00 from Free Cash that was put towards the tax rate will reflect an approximate savings of .30 cents.

Mrs. Solyts also questioned if the town was still moving forward to see if the lease option on patrol cars would benefit the town. Mr. Delanski stated that this time, the town intends to purchase, however the lease option is still being looked into to see if it is a feasible move.

Mr. Solyts questioned the status of the Department Head Meetings. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> at which time the hiring policy will be finalized. Mr. Solyts also questioned what policies if any does the town have to hold employees accountable. Mr. Nardi stated that he would like to see an employee evaluation done on all employees.

Mr. Solyts also asked if the Police Chief provided a monthly report as per his contract. Mr. Delanski stated that both the Fire Chief and Police Chief submit monthly reports to their office. Copies can be obtained upon request or can be viewed in the office during normal business hours.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence from Mr. & Mrs. Urban, thanking the Selectboard for their invitation to discuss concerns on the proposed Spring Street culvert which has secured funding via the Mass Works grant. They hope the Selectboard will continue efforts to research opportunities to improve areas downstream from the Spring St. culvert.-**Noted**.
2. Correspondence from Cemetery Commissioner, Daniel Zrate seeking the Selectboard assistance with notification to a landowner to remove obstructions placed on Cemetery Road, a public way in Warren. - Mr. James McKeon was in attendance this evening and stated this issue has been going on for some time. **Mr. Delanski requested that a letter be sent to the property owner responsible and would like to Police Department to hand deliver the letter.**
3. Notification from Weiner Law Firm, of a notice of claim for breach of contract Johnson Controls, Inc. vs. Quaboag Regional School District - **Noted**
4. Correspondence from Mr. James Fountain, Fountain & Sons Fuel Co. relative to a parcel of land he owns adjacent to the Highway Barn – Rt.19 seeking to know if the Town would have an interest in the purchase of a portion of the land for any future police and/or fire building. – **Mr. Delanski requested a map of the property from the Board of Assessor's Office for their review.**
5. Copy of correspondence from Superintendent Kustigian, to Police Chief Spiewakowski; thanking him and the Warren Police Department for their efforts to providing a safe environment following recent news events. - **Noted**
6. October Report from Animal Control Officer. – **Provide a copy to Mr. Solyts for his review.**
7. Request from Board of Health to install an informational board for residents in the hallway by their department office that would hold information on disease control, emergency preparedness, permit applications and other general department information. – **Approved- (Board of Health must purchase and maintain)**
8. Electronic correspondence from Cindy and Jim Nothe, acknowledging the efforts made following the recent flooding around Spring St. and thankful for the efforts in securing the Mass Work's Grant that will enhance the culvert in the area. - **Noted**
9. Correspondence from Ms. Louise Mundell, Secretary to the Warren Action Committee seeking information related 1) 20 Chapel St; 2) listing of town owned properties 3) copy of condemnation letter on Town Hall 4) status of solar project on landfill- **Noted – No further discussion**
10. Findings of the Franklin County Trial Court, affirming the Board of Selectmen's order of euthanasia relative to the West dog "Lucien" - **Noted**

**APPOINTMENTS**

Motion to appoint Sharon Meli to the Senior Center Elder Bus beginning November 1, 2014 to January 5, 2015 made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to appoint John Lynch to the Conservation Commission for a two (2) year term until June 2016 made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**CONTRACTS**

Motion to approve to allow the chairman to sign the Contract Amendment #2 by and between the Town of Warren and Lenard Engineering, Inc. for the FY2014 Mass Dept. of Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program for Notice to proceed for Pleasant Street Engineering Services made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve to allow the Chairman to sign the Agreement by and Between the Town of Warren and the Literacy Project, Inc. (Part of FY2014 CDF Grant – PVPC) as presented made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**TREASURY WARRANTS/INVOICES**

Motion to sign warrant #37 and #38 dated November 3, 2014 in the amount of \$39,398.59 & \$42,917.71 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

Motion to sign warrant #39, #40 and #41 dated November 10, 2014 in the amount of \$38,449.60, \$79,668.97 & \$228.96 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

Motion to sign warrant #42 and #43 dated November 17, 2014 in the amount of \$36,209.03, & \$59,071.10 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

**DRAW DOWNS AND OTHER INVOICES**

Motion to sign the FY2013 Community Opportunities Group Property Assessment for Re-Use Planning in the amount of \$8,500.00 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of October 27, 2014 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Delanski – unanimous. – 1 Abstention – Mr. Lavash

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Nardi advised all that the Annual Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, November 30, 2014 from 3PM to 6PM. All are encouraged to attend.

A request from Emmanuel Orthodox Church for a 1-day pouring license for Sunday November 23, 2014 from 1PM to 5PM at the church for a Turkey Shoot/Raffle. Motion to approve the application from Emmanuel Orthodox Church for a 1-day pouring license and waive the fee as requested made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous (All paperwork has been provided to the office as required)

Mrs. Acerra informed the Board that the new Economic Development Page and CERT Page is now on the website. The website can be found at [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov).

Mr. Lavash thanked all of those who helped out at the town's Annual Haunted House. Once again, it was a huge success which would not have been possible without all of the volunteer's assistance.

Mr. Delanski thanked all of those who attended the Special Town Meeting. He was happy to see so many voters turn out and participate in their town government.

Next Meeting Date: November 25, 2014 at 7PM. – One Item Agenda – Discussion on Solar

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Selectmen's Assistant

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Dario F. Nardi, Clerk