

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015  
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)

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**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. Audience member Michael Baril stated he was recording the meeting.

**MINUTES**

Motion to accept the open meeting minutes of January 20, 2015 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Delanski spoke of a resident complaint mentioned at a prior meeting. As a follow up, he is asking that the matter involving suspected town owned vehicles not in compliance with Mass RMV protocols be investigated by the Chief of Police; and a written report of findings be returned to the Board of Selectmen.

**COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

Mr. Stanley Soltys addressed the Board, citing that prior Auction(s) by the Town were successful and hoped that the efforts continue as a means to generate revenue. Mr. Robert Lavash, Sr. who is also the Town's Tax Title Custodian, followed up the inquiry by adding that the next event may be the Auction of Tax Title Liens as was done last year; the matter better addressed by the Town Treasurer who is not present tonight. This event would most certainly be open to the public.

Mr. Soltys brought to the attention of the Board that a technician familiar with the Coral System at the Town Hall was willing to come to Town and evaluate the system for repairs or parts needed. He requested the Board provide at least two dates that would be convenient for this evaluation. Mr. Delanski responded that Mr. Seth Blackwell would be contacted.

Mr. Sean LeBoeuf wished to address his concerns over the Mass inspection(s) of vehicles operated by the Highway department. As Mr. Delanski had addressed the matter earlier in the meeting, he did not add anything further and would await the Chief's findings.

Mr. Michael Baril addressed a comment to Vice Chair Lavash surrounding the payment of town taxes. Mr. Delanski halted Mr. Baril and stated that the matter Mr. Baril addressed was between him and Mr. Lavash and was not a matter to be brought before the Board.

Mr. Baril continued with his comments; directed to Mr. Nardi regarding matters involving Mr. Brian Corriveau and criminal charges assessed from an incident occurring last year. Mr. Delanski – cautioned Mr. Baril as he is not permitted to speak for or on behalf of Mr. Corriveau. There was a brief discussion between Mr. Baril and Mr. Nardi following which Mr. Delanski advised Mr. Baril that his time allotted for comments/concerns had been exhausted and therefore considered his matters closed. Mr. Baril argued that he could speak, the Chairman asked him to cease and sit down. Mr. Baril continued his discussion; to which Mr. Delanski stated the guidelines for comments/concerns were clear and informed Mr. Baril he could contact the office if he wished to be placed on an upcoming Agenda with any new matters. Mr. Baril was displeased with discussion and stated he wished to be put on the Agenda for the next following meetings.

Ms. Mary Bellerose addressed the Board with her concerns over the pay sheets for Detective Mark Chase. She stated she had reviewed about 30 weeks. Mr. Delanski remarked that no comment could be made on pending matters of Worker's Comp or Injured on Duty. There was a brief discussion following which Mr. Delanski suggested Ms. Bellerose submit in writing the specific concerns she has and further information would be provided if available. Ms. Bellerose's provided a spreadsheet analysis she prepared which outlined her concerns. Mr. Delanski responded that the sheet would be provided to Town Accountant for a response.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed the following:

- Letter from the Council on Aging confirming the Board of Selectmen's findings with respect to the Senior Center Director's probationary period. They unanimously agree that Sharon Meli's position should be extended to a permanent status. *Noted*
- Memo from the Town Clerk advising all that positions are open for the Annual Town election set for May 5, 2015. A complete list of positions is available in the Selectmen's Office and Clerk's Office. *Noted*
- Kerry Schmidt, Tax Collector has announced a job posting for the Assistant Tax Collector Position. Applications and resumes must be submitted to the Collector's Office by February 13, 2015. A job description can be found on the town's website at [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov). *Noted*
- Hampshire Council of Governments requesting a meeting regarding discussing participation in the Community Choice Aggregation program with CMRPC. Please note that participation requires town meeting approval. *Board requested that HCG be invited to a future meeting to review further.*
- Notification from the Commonwealth of Mass – Department of Telecommunications and Cable that a Public Hearing will be held on April 22, 2015 at 10AM. The purpose of the hearing is a petition of Comcast Cable Communications, LLC to establish and adjust the basic service tier programming, equipment, and installation rates for the communities in Mass. Served by Comcast. Participation guidelines can be obtained in the Selectmen's Office. *Noted*
- Notice from James Kordek resigning as a member of the Capital Planning Committee and Veteran's Council effective February 1, 2015. *Request was made to send a letter to Mr. Kordek thanking him for his service to Town*

- Correspondence from Louise Mundell, Secretary for the Warren Action Committee:
  1. Letter from WAC regarding surplus property from various town departments for example at the highway barn there is a fire truck, old dog catcher van, two to three unregistered vehicles and several unused highway vehicles. The WAC suggested that perhaps an auction be held to remove excess inventory and generate revenue.
  2. WAC requesting from Mr. Lavash a list of all remaining property that is owned by the town in addition to inquiring when the next tax lien, foreclosure auction will be scheduled. **- A list would be secured from Town Treasurer and made available.**
  3. Letter to Planning Board requesting consideration to create a commercial zone along Rte 67 (Planning Board to address at their meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>)
  4. Complaint from local businesses regarding the inability to open on January 1, 2015 because they did not have proper permits from the Board of Health. Although posted as open, the Board of Health office was closed. The WAC feels that the Board of Health did not act in a courteous or professional way in treating our business owners. In addition, a second request to have the Board of Health hold meetings at a time when residents can attend. **Memo to BOH to take necessary steps.**

Mr. Brian Corriveau entered the meeting – seeking permission to speak. Chairman permitted. Mr. Corriveau addressed the Board members making comments as to their positions; then stating he was giving his “5” minutes of comments/concerns to Mr. Baril. There was a consensus of the Board to allow. Mr. Delanski instructed Mr. Baril he had limited time.

Mr. Baril continued his earlier discussions as relating to Mr. Corriveau and made allegations against Police Department officers in addition to the three Board members. He further made comments as to his concerns over the past May election and the appointment of Mr. Nardi as Selectmen.

**RTE 67 & RTE 19 - WARREN CENTER RESURFACING & INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION of Applicability (RDA) - Chairman Signature**

Motion to have Chairman Sign, made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi - unanimous

**STM FEB 19<sup>TH</sup> WARRANT – APPROVE & SIGN**

Mr. Nardi announced that there would be an informational meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2015 @ 6:00 PM to answer any questions or concerns residents may have regarding the Articles. Mr. Nardi read the four Articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Delanski reminded all again as to the informational meeting that would be televised by Cable.

With no further discussion, a motion to sign the February 19<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting Warrant was made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

**TREASURY WARRANT(S) AND INVOICES**

Motion to accept warrant # 62 (payroll) dated January 26, 2015 in the amount of \$39,037.19 was made by Mr. Nardi; Second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

Motion to accept warrant # 63 (vendor) dated January 29, 2015 in the amount of \$627,722.43 was made by Mr. Nardi; Second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

Motion to accept warrants # 64 (payroll) dated February 2, 2015 in the amount of \$36,885.07 was made by Mr. Nardi; Second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Next scheduled meeting: February 5, 2015 @ 6:00 PM – Informational on STM and February 10, 2015 @ 7:00 PM. February 5, 2015 @ 2:00 PM Executive Session Meeting with Warren Patrolmen’s Association.

Mr. Baril made reference to a prior Executive Session meeting with the Chief of Police and Det. Mark Chase, he inquired as to whether there would be an additional meeting. Mr. Delanski replied no additional meeting(s) scheduled at this time, if there were it would also be in Executive Session; but nothing scheduled. Mr. Baril asked if Mr. Chase was still legally a police officer or had he resigned? Mr. Delanski replied; legally still an officer.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Lavash; Second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Prokop  
Administrative Secretary

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Dario F. Nardi, Clerk