

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF October 6, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Lavash, Sr., Vice-Chairman and Mr. James A. Gagner, Clerk  
**ATTENDEES:** Chief Adam Lavoie, Timothy Reeves, William Witaszek and William Schlosstein

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**Chairman Nardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance at this time.  
Mr. Nardi announced that this evening's meeting was being both video and audio taped.**

**MINUTES**

Motion to accept and approve the Minutes of September 29, 2015 as written made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Nardi discussed the town's net metering options thus far. Proposals have been received from both Seaboard Solar and Altus America. After a discussion with representatives from both companies and an additional review of the offers, the Board was in agreement that Seaboard Solar presented the better offer for the town. With that being said, Mr. Nardi would like to discuss a few particulars within the proposal with the Treasure, William Schlosstein. All were in agreement. With no further discussion at this point, the following motion was made: Motion to have a PPA proposal from Seaboard Solar on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, pending further discussion and approval with the Town Treasurer made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Chief Lavoie briefly discussed the issue with the light on the bridge closest to Town Pizza. The fixture is broken and in need of repair. The control for that fixture is located within the basement of the Town Hall and while the building was under the "condemnation order" from the Board of Health, his personnel was reluctant to enter. He is certain that it would need an electrician to fix, however not sure as to which budget it would be paid from. Mr. Nardi stated that they could discuss this further on Thursday, when the Town Accountant is present.

Mr. Witaszek briefly discussed that he recently heard that QRSD will be discontinuing the Driver's Education Program for students. He feels that this program provides a valuable service to the students at a reduced cost. In addition, he stated that the program also provides a great convenience as well. The office will reach out to the school for confirmation.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS - None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Board received an email from the Highway Surveyor, Tom Boudreau advising that all the trucks that were inspected now have a valid inspection sticker. ***After a discussion the board was in agreement that they would like to have the State Police (DOT unit) do a full and thorough inspection of the entire fleet. Mr. Boudreau will be notified of the Board's request in writing.***
- The Board received a letter of resignation from Susan Johnson who served on the Capital Planning Commission. ***The Board requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Ms. Johnson.***
- Official notification from the Quaboag Regional School District that they will soon begin negotiating with the Quaboag Education Association. Both Warren and West Brookfield are entitled to have representation during contract negotiations. For more information, please contact Dr. Kustigian or Mr. Robert Souza, Chairman of the QRSD Personnel Subcommittee. ***The office will confirm dates and times of the upcoming meetings.***
- The office received an email from Patrik Johnson, CEO of Mass Organic Therapy, Inc. advising the Board that they have submitted a Management & Operations Profile to DPH. If and when they get invited to submit a Siting Profile, they intend to list Warren as the Cultivation location. A formal letter will be sent to the office.-  
***Noted***

- Notification from CMMPO (Central Mass. Metropolitan Planning Commission) that Selectmen Nardi will serve as the alternate delegate for the Western Sub region. - **Noted**
- Monthly report for September 2015 from Emergency/CERT. - **Noted**

#### **TREASURY WARRANTS AND DRAW DOWNS**

- Motion to approve and sign warrant number 44 and 45 dated October 5, 2015 in the amounts of \$36,636.63 and \$63,770.72 respectively made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign warrant number 43 dated October 5, 2015 in the amount of \$285.43 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Gagner – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention (Mr. Lavash)
- Motion to approve and sign warrant number 46 dated October 5, 2015 in the amount of \$830.00 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention (Mr. Gagner)

#### **HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Once again the Town of Warren will participate in a regional program that provides salt for the winter plow season. The Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District will once again be the host community. Mid-American Salt, LLC was the sole bidder at \$76.41 per ton. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to sign the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District winter salt bid for Mid-American Salt, LLC for \$76.41 per ton delivered made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Gagner stated that he has received two verbal agreements from potential developers for MMTTC. That is in addition to the written confirmation from Mass Organic Therapy, Inc. which was discussed earlier this evening during correspondence. He will keep everyone up to date as to the status as things progress.
- Mr. Gagner also stated that the Warren Football League is now playing under the lights at Quaboag. He commended their efforts and hopes that the town will support the team. Chief Lavoie also stated that he has several EMT's that have volunteered their time to be on standby which is a requirement.

#### **7:15PM – PUBLIC HEARING FOR HADLEY PATH, LLC – 961 MAIN STREET, WARREN**

The applicant is requesting a license for the storage of 20,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel at 961 Main Street, more commonly known as Bill's Citgo. Mr. Timothy Reeves addressed the Board this evening and discussed the merits of the proposal. In order to be in compliance with Massachusetts law, Hadley Path, LLC is removing the single-wall tanks and replacing them with double-wall tanks. They are also requesting to add a diesel pump. It is anticipated that the station will be out for approximately 7 weeks. Mr. Witaszek stated that he will still be open for repairs during that time. Chief Lavoie approved the permit and the applicants are aware that he is to be on-site during the removal of the old tanks. All parties were in full agreement. The Conservation Commission has approved the work as well. All paperwork has been filed as well as the proper abutter notification in accordance with C. 148, §13. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to grant an UST License to Hadley Path, LLC as requested with conditions made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous. Motion to close the Public Hearing on Hadley Path, LLC made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous at 7:20PM.

#### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

A brief discussion took place this evening regarding Article submission for the Special Town Meeting set for November 5, 2015. An additional meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 3:30PM in order to finalize the Articles. Mr. Lavash did state that the Capital Planning Committee voted to support the purchase of a new truck w/plow/sander which is anticipated to run around \$65,000.00. Again, additional discussion/vote will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting Date(s): October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM and October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.**

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous at 7:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Selectmen's Assistant

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James A. Gagner, Jr., Clerk

