

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2016
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

PRESENT: Dario F. Nardi, Chairman, Robert E. Lavash Sr., Vice-Chairman, James A. Gagner Jr., Clerk
ATTENDEES: Colleen Montague, Stanley Soltys, Beverly Soltys, Mary Bellerose

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

Chairman Nardi 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. Ms. Colleen Montague acknowledged she was recording.

Minutes

Motion to accept the open meeting minutes of January 12, 2016 as written made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous

Old Business

Mr. Gagner announced that on Wed. February 3, 2016 @ 3:00 PM there will be a ceremony at the Shepard Municipal Building in Warren, wherein Members of the Department of Massachusetts Military Order of the Purple Heart will present a plaque, recognizing the Town as Purple Heart Community. Last year at their meeting of November 24th, the Selectmen read and signed the Proclamation designating the Town with this honor. The Veterans Council is working to identify Purple Heart Recipients within the community. Both Senator Gobi and State Representative Smola have been invited as well as members of the media.

Mr. Nardi is excited about this event, he acknowledged and thanked the members of the Veterans Council for their contributions to this endeavor. Mr. Lavash thanked the Council as well, along with everyone involved in this honor.

Comments & Concerns

Mr. Stanley Soltys stated that some time back, a question last April & October was raised as to a Trust Fund held by the Town intended for single unwed mothers. He believes there was about \$40K in the Trust. He asked where the funds are, and what is the Town doing with it. Mr. Nardi responded the Town has not done anything with it, it has a specific purpose. If the question is 'what can we do with it' he believes it may be something that may need to go to the Town floor to repurpose. He recalls there was some discussion to repurpose those funds, it is something the Select board could look into during the budget season. Its intended purpose is a good cause, unfortunately it has not been used in some time, and he will make a note to research further.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following:

1. The office received an invitation from Gerald Paist, Superintendent-Director of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational School for Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM at which time they will present their FY17 Budget. Please R.S.V.P. by March 1st if any members plan on attending. *Mr. Nardi and Mr. Lavash will attend the meeting and requested that it be posted.*
2. The Town Clerk has requested permission to reserve the gymnasium from February 25, 2016 through March 2nd in order to set up and hold the Presidential Primary Election which is scheduled for March 1, 2016. *Noted*

Highway Chapter 90 – Payment requisition request, vote expected Mr. Boudreau requested to table

City/Town Owner Agreement – FY15 CDBG Housing Rehab project in Brookfield, vote expected

A motion to accept and have the Chairman sign the request, made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous

MGL Chapter 61 & 61A – Town of Warren’s Waiver of Right of 1st Refusal to property, Discussion, vote expected (2 properties)

Following a brief discussion and the reading of both property descriptions, the following motions were made:

Motion for the Town to Waive its right of 1st refusal and option to purchase land classified as Chapter 61, section 8 known as lot #1, Southbridge Road, Warren, by Mr. Lavash; second Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion for the Town to Waive its right of 1st refusal and option to purchase land classified as Chapter 61B, section 9 known as 101 Dunham Road, Warren, by Mr. Lavash; second Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

FY 2017 Budget Discussion(s)

Mr. Nardi reminded Departments that this time would be allotted for them to come in and discuss their budgets.

There was a brief discussion between members of the Board and audience members, Stan and Beverly Soltys as to the school budget and additionally its current student to teacher ratio. Mr. Nardi opined the ratio question would be a question best asked of the Superintendent. Insofar as the budget, it will prove to be a challenge.

Mr. Nardi announced that the Board had received a budget notice from James McKeon for Emergency Management. It is the consensus of the Select board to have Mr. McKeon present in order to discuss the budget request(s).

Treasury Warrants and Invoices

Motion to approve the following warrants made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous

<u>Date</u>	<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/25/2016	101	34,879.05
	103	32,182.47

Motion to approve the following warrants made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Gagner – 1 abstention

<u>Date</u>	<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/25/2016	102	173.74

Motion to approve the following warrants made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – 1 abstention

<u>Date</u>	<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/25/2016	104	1,730.00

New Business

Mr. Lavash stated he had an estimate of \$2,800.00 from a plumber to replace the totted pipe(s) in the cellar of the Town Hall. Additionally, on the request of a Town resident, he investigated vendor(s) to give the Board a quote on installing a mechanical door opener (button) to the exterior door at the Shepard Building.

Mr. Gagner, wished to thank the Mellen family for their kindness in helping out an individual.

Mr. Nardi, stated he has been working with Board of Health on the matter that has come on North Street. There is a collaborate effort to clean up the area to avoid citations being issued as per the Town’s by-laws. He additionally made note that perhaps there can be a mutual understanding between the Town and the Transfer Station operators for some sweat equity during the next contract negotiations. Ms. Soltys, reported that debris along Southbridge Road is gone.

Lastly, Mr. Nardi announced that the LED light project RFP closed, they are about 75% with an upcoming meeting on the 19th with the other communities involved. The costs were driven down, due to the inclusion of Boston in the proposal. The next steps are to purchase the equipment; have some tree work done; and work on Piloting a street in the spring to give residents the opportunity to weigh in at the public hearings that Tanko will host.

Next Meeting Date: February 2, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorena Prokop
Administrative Secretary

James Gagner, Clerk