

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman, Mr. James A. Gagner; Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc W. Richard; Clerk

**ATTENDEES:** See Attached List

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Mr. Nardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Mr. 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 from Turley Publications acknowledged her taping the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Gagner requested to go on record and apologized as he misspoke as to the status of 980 Main Street which is more commonly known as Tebo's Building. It is not condemned, however there has been a "No Occupancy" Order issued by the Building Commissioner.

Mr. Nardi wanted to thank all who attended the town's first Purple Heart Appreciation Day Breakfast which was well attended. Mrs. Acerra who is the Chair for the Veteran's Council also thanked all who attended and acknowledged our very own Purple Heart Recipients. In addition, she gave a huge thank you to those who generously donated which made this day possible: Warren Patrolman's Association, Warren Ambulance Association, Warren Fireman's Association, Mr. John Fijol and Family and Dunkin Donuts at 1300 Main Street. In addition, through his vendors, Mr. Nardi also donated towards this wonderful event.

Warren's Girl Scout Troop, led by Ms. Nancy Schultz also were on hand to donate over 100 boxes of girl scout cookies to the Veteran's and their families. Mrs. Acerra also expressed her gratitude for being able to work with such a wonderful and dedicated group of people on the Veterans' Council.

Jerimiah Shea addressed the Board this evening to discuss his and his neighbor's concerns over the speed at which vehicles are traveling along Main Street in West Warren. Mr. Shea lives across from the Post Office in West Warren and has noted that commercial traffic travels far too fast in that area. He specifically commented on trucks owned and operated by Ludlow Construction. Mrs. Acerra will speak with Ludlow as they are the GC for the Downtown Project administered by MassDOT. Mr. Nardi will also speak with Chief Spiewakowski and request increased patrols in the area. The office will also request the Highway Department place a sign in the area as a traffic control measure.

Donald & Amy Lacharite – Residents of 321 Bemis Road have come before the Board of Selectmen this evening in order to express their extreme displeasure over the actions (or lack thereof) of the Tree Warden, Mr. Ken Lacey. Mrs. Lacharite explained that during the October 2011 snowstorm a tree was badly damaged. Since that time, Mrs. Lacharite has made numerous attempts to contact Mr. Lacey with no response. Mr. & Mrs. Lacharite would like to know what a reasonable amount of time is for an

elected official to respond to a resident. Mr. Richard feels that it is just common courtesy and the simplest of tasks for someone to return a phone call. Mrs. Lacharite did state for the record that back in December of 2015, Mr. Lacey did speak with her over the phone and according to her, he stated that she was "irrational". A comment that she felt was offensive and took great exception to. Mr. Lacey was in attendance this evening for another matter and when asked by Chairman Nardi if he'd like to respond, he stated "nope". Mr. Richard requested that the Tree Warden contact the Lacharite's as to the date/time when the tree work will be done.

Stanley Soltys questioned the status of the Tebo's building that was discussed earlier prior to Mr. Soltys' arrival. Mr. Gagner reiterated what he had stated earlier this evening regarding the no occupancy order. Mr. Soltys also inferred that Mr. Nardi stated that the building will be condemned. Mr. Nardi denies making any such statement.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The office received a memo from James McKeon requesting permission to set up a 20' x 10' shelter tent in the gym at the Municipal Building for any town official to view and comment on. The tent was jointly purchased with combined grant funds from Warren and W. Brookfield Emergency Management – Noted – Approved as requested.

The office has received a request from the Town Clerk to reserve the gym from September 6<sup>th</sup> through September 9<sup>th</sup> for set up and breakdown for the State Primary Election – Noted – Approved as requested.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH VACANCY**

With the recent resignation of Mr. Robert Downing from the Board of Health, the members are here this evening to discuss and appoint a new member to fill the seat until the May 2017 election. A notice was placed in the paper, town website and bulletin board. Only two candidates submitted their name for consideration. The first being Mr. Brian Corriveau and the other was Mr. Donald Makowski. Both Mr. Lacey and Mr. Stewart recommended Mr. Makowski to fill the vacancy. Mr. Lacey stated that Mr. Makowski had submitted his name in the past for consideration. Mr. Corriveau read from a prepared statement voicing his displeasure with the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen for their antics. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to appoint Mr. Donald Makowski to fill the Board of Health vacancy until the May 2017 election made by Mr. Stewart; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous. (Under the statute, both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health must vote).

### **STATE PRIMARY WARRANT**

Motion to sign the State Primary Warrant as requested by the Town Clerk made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

### **CHAPTER 90 FUNDS**

Motion to sign the Chapter 90 Project Request for Brook Road and South Street as presented by the Highway Surveyor made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion to formalize appointments for the Interim Treasurer, Lorena Prokop and Interim Administrative Secretary, Rebecca Acerra made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

### **TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES**

- Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 9 dated July 28, 2016 in the amount of \$540.75 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 10 dated August 1, 2016 in the amount of \$43,275.69 and Warrant No. 11 in the amount of \$713,798.49 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 12 dated August 8, 2016 in the amount of \$41,662.95 and Warrant No. 12 in the amount of \$116,175.72 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 20 for FY14 for PVPC in the amount of \$1,819.45 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 6 for FY15 for PVPC in the amount of \$10,255.29 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 2 for FY15 for PVPC in the amount of \$3,358.25 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Nardi wanted to recognize the Richardson Family who owns and continues to operate Rocky Acres Farm on Coy Hill Road. They were recently awarded #1 Farm from Agri-Mark for milk. The office will send the family a letter of acknowledgement.

The Board would also like letters of thanks sent to the following: The Boy Scout Troop who recently cleaned up around the side of the Town Hall near the bulk-head, to Rural Improvement/Jim McKeon for maintaining the beautiful flowers around the gazebo in the center of town and to Officer Jeff Von Dauber for his quick work in retrieving items recently stolen from a home. Kudos to all.

With no further business, the following Motion was made: Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Marc. W. Richard, Clerk