

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

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

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

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 took this opportunity to thank all those of who attended the 1st Annual Murray Day. "Officer Murray" received his badge and a vest. Donations were received to help support the K9 Program.

Mr. Nardi advised all that as of August 1st., the town owns the street lights (approximately 425). The Pilot Program will begin shortly in which two different lights will be installed at St. Stan's on South Street in order for residents to go and view them. The last portion of the Street Lighting Program is the IFB for installation which he is hopeful will begin mid to late October.

ACO – ALTERNATE ACO - Sara Prideau was in attendance this evening to advise the Board that due to a life change, her availability may be limited. Her concern is with no backup. Even though the town does have an Alternate ACO, the individual, according to Ms. Prideau is either not able or unwilling to go out.

Just recently this became an issue with an aggressive dog. Fortunately, this time, the owner of the dog came home and was able to quell the situation. Mr. Nardi requested that Ms. Prideau contact the Alternate ACO and if she is no longer interested in serving in the position, ask her to submit her intentions in writing. At that point, the Board can move forward with filling a vacancy.

In the meantime, Ms. Prideau will contact the Town of Palmer to see if they would be willing to cover in her absence. Mr. Brian Corriveau who was in attendance this evening stated that he would be willing to do the job at no charge. Mr. Nardi stated that they would take his offer under consideration.

Mr. John Nason expressed concern over the "keep right" and "no left turn" sign in the downtown area. There is some confusion for drivers as to the traffic pattern due to the construction. Federal Highway Representatives were on scene last week and the "keep right" sign was found to be non-compliant and ordered to be removed (this sign was a homemade sign on plywood). Mrs. Acerra will contact the GC on the matter in the morning.

Mr. Brian Corriveau asked Mr. Nardi why he was not placed on the agenda. Mr. Nardi responded that this evening's meeting had already been posted due to the holiday on Monday. Mr. Corriveau then proceeded to read from a prepared statement in which the tone was accusatory in tone towards Mr. Nardi. Mr. Nardi reiterated once again, that in spite of his (Mr. Corriveau) and the efforts of others and their many feeble attempts to try and taint him both personally and professionally with false accusations, all have failed miserably. Mr. Nardi stated for the record that as long as he is the Chairman, he is done with entertaining such individuals.

Mr. Stanley Soltys requested an update on the status of the rumored cell tower. Mr. Gagner advised him that there was a glitch in the survey in which the plan came back with inadequate frontage. He stated that he is going to go before the Planning Board and request that they support an Article at the STM to change the requirement to 75' for WCF only.

70 Pulaski Street. Mr. Gagner also updated all on Heal, Inc. They are currently awaiting on DPH approval and licensing. While doing so, they are working towards preparing their application to the town in order to complete the permitting process.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received a letter from Chief Spiewakowski reporting that a total of \$3,586.00 was collected to support the Warren Police Department's K9 Program. – ***Mr. Gagner thanked all who attended and supported this wonderful cause.***
2. Monthly departmental reports have been received from Police, Fire CERT.-***Noted***
3. The office received a citizen petition requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 25mph on Main Street in West Warren-***The office will check into the proper steps necessary to see if a change can be made.***
4. On behalf of Fire Chief Lavoie, the office would like to invite all residents to attend the 15th Annual Freedom Run and 9/11 Observance Ceremony. As in years past, students and faculty along with members of the Warren Fire Department have participated in this event. Student/Athletes/faculty will depart from Quaboag at 8:45 AM escorted by the Fire Department. A ceremony will take place at approximately 9 AM at Station A to remember those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. -***The Board encouraged all to attend and remember those who died.***
5. The office received a letter from the Southbridge Town Manager expressing the town's sincerest gratitude and appreciation for the mutual aid that our fire department provided during a 6 alarm fire on Main Street in addition to another fire later that day on Benefit Street.- ***The Board gave kudos to our Fire Department for their continued dedication. A copy will be forwarded to Chief Lavoie and the department.***

Daniel Ploured

Mr. Plourde spoke with the Board this evening to express his frustration with what he classified as a lack of response from the Warren Police Department. Mr. Plourde lives on the Ware Road and with the opening of the Palmer Motor Sports Park he stated that the noise and traffic is almost unbearable. He further stated that he has yet to receive a call back from Chief Spiewakowski despite his numerous

attempts to reach him. He has requested several times that the WPD run radar in the mornings (mainly Friday, Saturday and Sundays) between the hours of 5:30 AM to 9:00 AM. To date, he has seen one detail which was around 2PM in the afternoon. Mr. Nardi will contact the Chief in the morning to discuss. Mr. Plourde thanked the Board for their time.

CONTRACTS

Motion to ratify the DHCD Standard Contract for FFY2016 Funds effective July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2019 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to ratify the MEMA/CERT Yearly Standard Contract made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to ratify the PVPC City/Town-Owner Agreement for housing rehab in Warren made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Nardi – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention-Mr. Richard.

4th QUARTER (FY16) AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS

Motion to approve the 4th Quarter (FY16) Ambulance Abatements in the amount of \$56,410.93 as set forth in the attachment made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Board discussed the potential dates/times for a STM meeting to be held. Two dates have been proposed, the first being October 27th and the other November 3rd. Mr. Richard questioned if a STM is really even necessary. He feels that the fall Special has turned into a “Christmas Wish List” which he is not in favor in light of just coming off of our STM/ATM in May with an additional STM in July. Mr. Nason, who is a member of the Finance Committee feels the same. He stated that the time and effort that is spent on his Committee reviewing and discussing budgets seems to be for nothing if the Board grants a STM just a few months later. This evening’s discussion is just to set a date in the event that one will be held. After a discussion, a motion to set a tentative date of October 27th at 7PM at QRMHS was made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. Additional discussions will take place regarding this matter.

980 MAIN STREET

The demolition of the building began this morning and the project should be completed within 4-5 days. A discussion took place as to the next steps in the process. The Board has posted a meeting for Tuesday, September 13th at 3:30 PM in anticipation of signing the Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner. Once completed, the lot will be roped off until the Town applies for Site Plan Review with the Planning Board. All members are aware of the process and agreeable.

WARREN CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Warren Cultural Council has requested that a 1-day Pouring License be granted for their fundraiser which is set for October 1st from 6PM to 9PM. All proper paperwork and required individuals responsible have been identified. Motion to grant a 1-day pouring License to the Warren Cultural Council for October 1, 2016 from 6 PM to 9 PM made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard-unanimous.

PART-TIME DISPATCHER APPOINTMENT – PASSED OVER

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of July 11, July 26th, August 9th and September 1st as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

- Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 14 and Warrant No. 15 dated August 15, 2016 in the amount of \$38,572.18 and \$31,583.12 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 16 & Warrant No. 17 dated August 22, 2016 in the amount of \$40,471.27 & 48,176.01 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 18 & Warrant No. 19 dated August 29, 2016 in the amount of \$39,867.98 and \$158,110.41 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 20 & Warrant No. 21 dated September 5, 2016 in the amount of \$39,098.08 and \$248,491.01 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.
- Motion to approve and sign FY15 Invoice No. 65889 for PVPC for work associated with the Highland St. Improvement Project in the amount of \$4,842.80 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gagner wanted to remind all residents that school is now back in session and urged caution when driving. Also, any discoloration of the town's water due to the work associated with the demolition of the Tebo's Building should be cleared soon if it has not already.

Mr. Richard was approached by a resident on Keys Road. Road and tree work was recently done and a resident's driveway apron was broken due to heavy equipment using the driveway for a turnaround. Mr. Boudreau is aware of the issue and it will be rectified when the final paving coat is laid down.

Mr. Richard is also working on the Colfax TIF Agreement that was signed. He'll have an update at an upcoming meeting. Also it was confirmed that Town Pizza is not re-opening. The owners have decided after 32 years, they are going to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. A letter of thanks will be sent.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: Tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2016 at 7 PM.

With no further business, the following Motion was made: Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc. W. Richard, Clerk