

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2016**

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

ATTENDEES: See Attached

Mr. Nardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nardi requested that if anyone in the audience is either video/audio recording this evening's meeting to please disclose to the Chair. Mr. Michael Baril acknowledged his both video & audio taping the meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of September 13, 2016 and September 27, 2016 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

As a follow up to an earlier vote in which the Board of Health had applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$2,200.00 under the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program are now seeking permission to begin to implement the program. The first step in doing so is to authorize someone from our staff to call Republic Services to get the exterior recycle carts/containers in place. A motion was made to allow Rachael Carney, Board of Health Secretary to contact Republic Service made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

The office received the monthly report from EM/CERT for the month of September 2016. – Noted

CITY/TOWN-OWNER AGREEMENT

Motion to ratify the City/Town-Owner Agreement by and between the Town of Warren and PVPC made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

WARREN ACTION COMMITTEE

The Warren Action Committee submitted a letter as a follow up to earlier concerns inquiring as to the status. After a discussion on the bullet points, a letter will be sent to them advising the Committee as to each topics status.

2016 STATE ELECTION WARRANT

Motion to sign the 2016 State Election Warrant as requested by the Town Clerk made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Motion to sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant as presented and approved by counsel made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

7:11 PM - Mr. Corriveau does not agree with the Chief of Police's request for the dispatch wages. Mr. Nardi informed him that the law dictates that employees must be paid. Mr. Soltys questioned Chief Spiewakowski's comment about transferring money from other line item into the dispatch wage line. Mr. Nardi advised him that he would need the approval of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to do so.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 29 & 30 dated October 3, 2016 in the amounts of \$42,151.71 & \$691,807.49 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous. Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 31 & 32 dated October 10, 2016 in the amounts of \$36,698.65 & \$82,361.67 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous

Motion to approve and sign FY15 Invoice No. 8 for PVPC Grant #00762 in the amount of \$17,102.77 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 21 for PVPC Grant #00741 in the amount of \$1,845.40 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gagner has received numerous complaints regarding a property located on Main Street across from St. Paul's Church. The office will notify the Board of Health once again to revisit the matter.

Mr. Richard requested the status of 980 Main Street. Mrs. Acerra advised all that just today, the office received all the closing documents from counsel. The Selectboard will now have to move forward with applying to the Planning Board for Site Plan Review.

Mr. Richard also requested the office to inquiry as to the status of the handrail along Main Street in front of the stores. The office will check with Mr. Boudreau who has been working on this matter.

Mr. Richard further requested that the office check the status of the driveway apron on Keys Road which was damaged during road construction. Mr. Boudreau is aware of the situation, however a follow up call will be done.

Mr. Richard requested the office to contact MassDOT regarding the handicap ramp between the Danger Zone and the Cash Market as well as the "firepit" as you approach the monument. Mrs. Acerra stated that many of the changes are in line with Federal Highway Standards. She will reach out to them.

Mrs. Acerra informed the Board that the President of the West Warren's Firemen's Association contacted her and requested that they (BOS) set the time for Trick or Treat. Motion to set the hours for Trick or Treat on Monday, October 31st will be from 5 PM to 6:30 PM with the parade to begin at 6:30 PM. Lineup will be at the corner of North and Main Streets in West Warren.

Mr. Nardi advised all that the Street Lighting Retro Fit Project first bid opening scheduled for October 6, 2016 resulted in no bidders. The project will go out for rebid.

7:36 PM - COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. John Nason expressed his frustration to the Board regarding the Police Department monopolizing the parking spaces not only with the cruisers but with their personal vehicles. Mr. Gagner has addressed this issue with the Chief and will follow up with him as a reminder. Ms. Mary Bellerose reiterated that

fact with an issue she had on Saturday in the same area. The Chief will be contacted and requested to consider providing a police detail while the area is under construction. Mr. Nason also requested clarification as to the issue of replacing the water mains in conjunction with the downtown project. Mr. Nardi explained that the plans to replace the “main” was taken off the table some time ago. Several services and hydrants are the only portion being replaced. Mr. Nardi further stated that the Water District is private entity and they (Water District) do not currently have adequate funding to do such work.

Mrs. Beverly Soltys sought clarification as to Mr. Nardi’s previous statement of the town being in a revaluation year. Mr. Nardi apologized and stated that the Assessors are currently “evaluating” properties. Mrs. Soltys also requested information as to why all of a sudden the warrants are not being made available. This is a practice she has been doing since June of 2015 in where she would review them in the Accountant’s Office.

Mr. Nardi explained that not all of the information is for public disclosure. It is not an issue in getting them, however the office will have to review and possibly redact exempt information.

Mr. Michael Starsiak addressed the Board this evening over several issues. One being the seal coating on South Street and the other being the culvert work on Spring Street. The Board has requested that Mr. Boudreau come to the next meeting as he will be able to address those concerns better than the Selectmen. He also thinks that the downtown design is awful.

Ms. Mary Bellerose expressed concern over a storm drain that is sticking up near the monument. Mrs. Acerra will check with DOT.

Mr. Brian Corriveau expressed concern over the telephone poles. In some areas they appear to be in the way of pedestrian traffic. Mrs. Acerra already was questioned on this issue and confirmed with DOT that there is adequate space and meets ADA Standards.

Mr. Michael Baril addressed the Board this evening over a newspaper article that ran in the Ware River News. Mr. Nardi suggested that he go directly to the reporter who wrote the story.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved