

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2016**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman

ATTENDEES: See Attached

Mr. Gagner Chaired this evening's meeting in Mr. Nardi's absence. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gagner requested that if anyone in the audience is either video/audio recording this evening's meeting to please disclose to the Chair. Mrs. Beverly Soltys and Ms. Colleen Montague acknowledged their audio taping the meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of August 10, 2016 (work meeting) and October 11, 2016 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

The office received an email from a resident requesting that the Board of Selectmen Meetings pertain to business and issues that are important to the town. The resident is sensitive to the fact that all residents are entitled to their opinion but requested that the "childish non-issues be at the end of the meeting." – NOTED

The Warren Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 6PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room to consider the adoption of a proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment which would reduce the frontage on all lots throughout the town to 75' for Wireless Communication Facilities only. – NOTED

WARREN & WEST WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY – 1 DAY POURING LICENSE

Motion to grant the Warren & West Warren Public Libraries a 1-Day Pouring License for November 4, 2016 at the Warren Senior Center from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM for a Paint & Sip Fundraiser made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

IMA – TOWN OF WARREN & HAMPDEN-WILBRAHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion to ratify the IMA by and between the Town of Warren & the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for Rock Salt Bid with Eastern Minerals, Inc. made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT

Motion to appoint Lisa Grabowski to the position of Selectmen's Assistant made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

DOWNTOWN PARKING

Chief Spiewakowski is not in attendance this evening as requested by the Board. Mr. Gagner stated that he did speak with him and requested that this discussion be tabled until our next meeting when the full

board is in attendance. Mr. Richard stated that he shares the same concerns as the residents with Police Department vehicles and employee vehicles monopolizing the limited spaces along Milton O. Fountain Way. Both Mr. Richard and Mr. Gagner agreed to allow one dedicated spot for Police Department vehicle directly in front of the booking room. Other PD vehicles can be parked along Main Street. Mrs. Acerra will invite Chief Spiewakowski to our next meeting.

TOM BOUDREAU – WARREN HIGHWAY – SPRING STREET CULVERT & SOUTH STREET

The Board requested that Mr. Boudreau come before the board to provide an update on several projects. The Spring Street Culvert is underway. There was a lapse in communication to which Mr. Boudreau took full responsibility, however the project is on track with expected completion within the next 2 – 3 weeks. The Fire Chief has placed Engine #5 as well as hose on the other side of the bridge which is completely impassable except for pedestrian traffic. Mr. Boudreau will keep both the Police and Fire Chief apprised as to the status of the project.

South Street Project – Mr. Richard questioned the material that has laid down on South Street. Mr. Boudreau explained that he is trying two new types of paving preservation techniques which is known as Fog Seal and Asphalt Emulsion. He feels that this could work by sealing the cracks so the water doesn't get under the asphalt and allow for expansion. This is also a less expensive method versus reclamation. Mr. Richard doesn't feel that anything was accomplished while Mr. Gagner is interested in seeing how this new technology works.

BORREGO SOLAR

Mr. Gagner advised the representatives from Borrego Solar that the Board has no intention to sign any Tax Agreement. Currently, there is a meeting scheduled for November 3, 2016 to discuss the Tax Agreement with the Assessors. There are numerous inconsistencies within the document that was presented. They are looking for the building permit to be signed. Without the property owners signature (the town) a building permit cannot be issued. The project needs to be up and running by January 8, 2017 in order to be a viable project. Mr. Richard stated that Borrego Solar should have done their due diligence over the last year instead of waiting until the last minute and expect to the town to jump through major hoops.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 33 & 34 dated October 17, 2016 in the amounts of \$37,738.61 & \$59,268.42 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 35 & 36 dated October 24, 2016 in the amounts of \$35,321.78 & \$238,974.59 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 66105 for Lenard Engineering in the amount of \$6,671.55 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richard reminded all that Spencer Bank will be holding their pumpkin carving contest at WCES in conjunction with the trunk or treat festivities on October 28, 2016

Mr. Gagner has announced that the STM may not be able to go out live however will be recorded and rebroadcasted immediately following.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Brian Corriveau asked as to the amount of money that was put aside to fix up the town hall. That number will be available at the next meeting.

Mrs. Soltys advised that Board that vehicles have been parked on 980 Main Street on October 10th, 19th & 20th. Mr. Gagner thought it may have been one of the duty officers. Several of the orange jersey barriers have been moved by the Police Department therefore allowing vehicles to enter from Old West Brookfield Road. The office will request that the area be block off once again.

Igor Kuprycz advised that Board that they may be asking for an amendment to the Comcast contract for Dunham Road. The Board was willing if and when the time comes.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved