

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2017**

**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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Meeting opened at 7:00 PM and Mr. Nardi led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nardi informed all in attendance that tonight's meeting is being both video and audio recorded. Ms. Colleen Montague and Mr. Michael Baril are doing so as well.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of April 6, 2017 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. As a reminder to all, the Town will host a Meet the Candidates Night on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Warren Senior Center. Candidates for contested races for the May 2, 2017 election will be present to answer your questions. This event is open to the public and is handicap accessible. For questions, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 436-5701 ext. 2. - **Noted**
2. The office received notice from the Mass. State Lottery Commission that they have received an application for a Keno license for Glenda's Pub. If the Licensing board has any objections, notification must be made with 21 days of receipt of notice. – **No objections – unanimous.**
3. The office received the monthly report from the Fire Chief for month ending March 2017 – **Noted**

**2017 ELECTION WORKER APPOINTMENTS**

Motion to appoint the 2017 Election Workers Appointments as presented by the Town Clerk made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous

**TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES**

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 86 & 88 dated April 11, 2017 in the amounts of \$36,289.31 and \$18,652.30 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 87 dated April 11, 2017 for ambulance payroll in the amount of \$860.00 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – Mr. Gagner abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Gagner reminded all residents that open burn season is underway and further reminded to follow all rules set. Mr. Richard requested that the Highway Surveyor take a look at the road condition on Town Farm Road. Mr. Gagner requested that Heal, Inc. be placed on the next regular agenda in anticipation of a revised host agreement. Mrs. Acerra will schedule the parties to be in attendance.

Mr. Nardi provided an update on the Street Lighting Project. A number of the lights have been changed out and thus far the only delays are due to weather.

**FY 18 BUDGET**

Mr. Nardi stated how the Selectmen met with the Finance Committee on Saturday to review the proposed budget for FY 18. The Selectmen voted on all with the exception of the Police Department. Mr. Mongeon, Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that there are several lines up in the air. Chief Spiewakowski, who was in attendance this evening has submitted a revised budget for consideration. One change is the reduction in the dispatch clothing line item back to \$1,000.00.

Mr. Richard expressed continued concern over the Town paying to send an individual to the academy, the cost of the academy, pay for an employee to fill the shift while the new hire is which the employee is paid. Chief Spiewakowski responded that this is the nature of the beast and all communities face this same issue.

Mr. Richard commended Mr. Nardi on working on the wage classification for the employees. Motion to approve the STM Warrant with Counsel's recommendations made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

**7:15 PM – JANET & JEREMY VINE – NUISANCE DOG HEARING – 114 OLD WEST WARREN ROAD**

Mr. Nardi stated the ground rules and advised all parties that comments/questions will go through the Chairman. Mr. Nardi swore all parties in and continued the hearing. The office received a letter dated March 12, 2017 (exhibit 1) from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bartoszek outlining their overall concerns over the Mr. & Mrs. Vine's pit bulls. Additional documentation was received on March 29, 2017 from the Bartoszek's of another incident. Mr. Bartoszek stated that he has to escort his grandchildren to and from the bus as the Vine's dogs are outside and never tied. Additional parties that testified this evening (Calvin Cieslak, Patricia Gancorz and Tom McCann) expressed the same concern and issues, that the dogs are aggressive and is only a matter of time, in their opinion, that someone is bit or even worse.

Mrs. Vine stated that the rescue dogs were only supposed to be at their residence on a temporary basis, however, they have decided to keep the dogs while she actively searches for a permanent home. She does not dispute the neighbor's claims and does apologize. She did state that she does have young children and have never had a problem. She is looking to work this out and is agreeable to make it happen. After a discussion, the following motions were made: Motion to close the public hearing made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 7:45 PM – unanimous. Motion to allow the dogs to be kept on the premises, however must be muzzled and restrained when outdoors while the owners make arrangements for a permanent fence to be erected which will be to the satisfaction of the Animal Control Officer made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

The FOTTH have requested permission to hold an Open House at the Town Hall on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 PM. With no objections, the following motion was made: Motion to allow the FOTTH to hold an Open House on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 3 PM as requested made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Michael Baril expressed concerns over campaign signs being stolen back in 2014.

Chief Lavoie is working with the American Red Cross in which will allow residents that have homes that were built prior to 1975, they can sign up for new/free smoke and CO detectors. He was also just notified by Park & Rec. Department that they plan on holding fireworks on Memorial Day Weekend.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:** April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard - unanimous at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Marc W. Richard, Clerk