

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2017**

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

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Gagner Opened the Meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He notified all in attendance that this evening's meeting was being both video and audio recorded. Ms. Colleen Montague and Mrs. Beverly Soltys acknowledge their audio taping of the meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2017 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received an official invitation to all town departments and residents to attend this years' 9/11 Observance Ceremony at Station A. The ceremony will begin at 9 AM on Monday, September 11th. - **Noted**
2. The Warren Fire Department and EMS Service participated in the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Boot Drive the past weekend. Through their efforts, a total of \$2,691.00 was collected from donations throughout town in less than four hours. Approximately 17 members of the department volunteered their time for this worthy cause and surpassed last years' donations by almost \$600.00. The chief and members of the Department would like to extend their gratitude to all who donated. – **Noted. The Board offered their thanks to the men and women of the department for their continued service and dedication to the town.**

APPOINTMENT – PATHFINDER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

With the recommendation of Dr. Paist and the members of the Quaboag Regional School Committee, the following motion was made: Motion to appoint Ms. Heather Ackerman to the Pathfinder Regional School Committee made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

ACO – REQUIRED TRAINING CERTIFICATION

Sara Prideaux addressed the Board this evening regarding her need for signatures for her on-line courses that she recently took. As she stated, the state experienced a glitch in the software that would not allow her to retrieve the completion certificates. In the absence of that, she will required the Board to sign off on her training. The Board will review the papers she has provided and will return them.

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Mr. Gagner has asked the Board to consider having an Article on the Special Town Meeting in the Fall which would address Recreational Marijuana. This would gauge voter's interest in whether or not the town is interested in allowing the sale of such products. In addition, he will ask the Planning Board to support an Article that would allow Heal, Inc. to cultivate and process recreational marijuana. Currently, Heal, Inc. is only permitted for the cultivation and processing of medical marijuana. Mr. Nardi questioned Mr. Gagner as to his thoughts should the Planning Board be unwilling to sponsor such an Article. Mr. Gagner stated he would then do it himself.

TOWN CHARTER COMMITTEE

At the request of Mr. Nardi, the subject of the possibility of placing an Article on the STM in the fall is up for discussion. In 1988, the town had presented a document to the voters, which ultimately was defeated at Town Meeting. He too is looking to gauge voter's interest in forming a committee again. Mr. Nardi stated that he was impressed with the document that was

presented and would be a great place to start from, making adjustments to reflect the current times. Nine residents would need to be on the ballot in May and estimates that 18-24 months would be sufficient to revise the current document which would be presented to the voters for final approval. The Board members were in agreement

GREEN COMMUNITIES – CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION

With the town's recent designation of a Green Community, the DOER is now requesting that the Board (or authorized signatory) sign the Certificate of Application. The town will be working with CMRPC who will administer the funds. With no further questions, the following motion was made: Motion to designate Rebecca Acerra as the authorized signatory for the Green Community funds made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 16 & 17 dated August 21, 2017 in the amounts of \$37,773.99 and \$749,207.38 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 18 & 19 dated August 28, 2017 in the amounts of \$42,713.54 & \$27,860.09 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi advised all that the punch list for the LED Street Lighting Project is almost complete and wished the kids and teachers a happy and safe return to the new school year.

Mr. Richard advised all that the loose railings downtown in front of Glenda's Pub is being address and we are awaiting on a price from Caracus Construction. He also advised all that a recent issue with the grease trap at the Senior Center has been rectified.

Mr. Gagner thanked all who attended both Murray Day and the Youth Football Cookout, both which were held at St. Stan's Pavilion recently.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mrs. Soltys questioned the Chairman as to why her written request to be placed on the agenda (reorganization of the Board) was omitted from this evening's agenda. Mr. Gagner questioned both members and each stated that they did not have a problem with the matter being placed on the agenda.

Ms. Kathy Rugani thanked the Board for taking the lead on the Reed Street water issue. The documents were signed this evening and will be sent back to the Planner.

Mr. Soltys requested an update on the status on 980 Main Street and the cell tower. Mr. Gagner advised that the roll-back taxes need to be paid before the building permit can be released and he further stated that other matters have taken precedence over the pavement of the parking lot however it is on his to-do list. Mr. Soltys also asked the Board if what the Police Chief had submitted for mileage in his July report was acceptable to them. Both Mr. Richard and Mr. Nardi felt that it fell short.

Mr. Lavash requested that the office contact Ludlow Construction again to have them clean up the common. The office will reach out to them.

Mrs. Nancy Graves, a resident of Pleasant Street addressed the Board regarding a dumpster that was supposed to be removed on August 22, per an order from the Board of Health. As of this evening, the dumpster is still there. The secretary is on vacation, however did advised the office prior to her leave that Cassella Waste is aware of the order and are in the process of scheduling the pickup of the dumpster. Although, it is outside of the Board of Selectmen's authority, Mrs. Acerra said she would try to resolve the issue.

Next Meeting Date: September 12, 2017 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

