

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

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

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

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

Mr. Nardi requested that if anyone in the audience is either video/audio recording this afternoon's meeting to please disclose to the Chair. Ms. Colleen Montague acknowledged her audio taping the meeting.

MASS DEP – DISCUSSION ON REED STREET WATER CONTAMINATION

Representatives from MassDEP attended this evening's meeting to provide some information and background on the Reed Street Water Contamination issue.

Eva Tor, Deputy Regional Director, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup presented a slide presentation.

Some noteworthy facts were:

- S & S Auto is a former, unlicensed auto repair, junkyard and landfill
- Contained within the 13-acre site were discarded debris (i.e. tires, metal, drums and wood) It also included abandoned automobiles, busses and trucks
- In 1983 there was a court action for conveying, storing and disposing of hazardous waste materials
- 1981-1982- 80 drums were excavated and removed from the site using State funds
- 1985 – U.S. EPA performed additional site assessment work
- 1991-1992 – MassDEP assessed the soil & groundwater, removed contaminated soil, utilized ground penetrating radar to assess for additional buried drums
- 1991-Present – MassDEP continued to sample 10-12 residential drinking water wells and on-site monitoring wells, took enforcement actions against the current property owner, requested additional State funding to conduct additional assessment work, MassDEP has provided bottled water to 10 private well owners on Reed Street impacted by 1,4-dioxane concentrations that exceed drinking water guidelines.

Jane Peirce from the Boston office spoke about low interest loans. The Town of Warren would qualify for these types of loans in addition to possible grants. (Additional information is available in the Selectmen's Office). Town Planner, Bill Scanlan briefly spoke about the status of the USDA Grant application that he has filed. It is currently in process and if successful, then the town will need to provide a plan of action to extend the current water line onto Reed Street. Carol Sausville, from the Warren Water District stated that the two Water Districts are working together to merge. All handouts will be available in the Selectmen's Office and on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk

