

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

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 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nardi advised all that tonight's meeting is being both video and audio taped. Ms. Colleen Montague from the Ware River News acknowledge her audio taping the meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of February 2, 2017 for 3 PM and 7 PM as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received an update on the Lucy Stone Restoration Project. In its third year, excellent progress has been made on the project. This year, the Warren Boy Scouts will be constructing a walking trail and have the QRMHS Honor Society involved to help with planting, signage and other various tasks.- **Noted**
2. The office received the monthly report of the Police Chief for month ending January 2017.- **Noted.**
3. The office received notification from the Office of the Governor that the Warren Fire Department has been awarded \$3,951.00 for Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and \$2,596.00 for Senior SAFE grants. – **Noted. The Board thanked the Chief who was in attendance this evening for his work on this matter.**
4. The Warren Fire Department wanted to remind all residents that Open Air Burning Season is underway. Permits and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Fire Department at 436-5444. The information is also available on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov. – **Noted.**
5. The town has received notice from the Baker-Polito Administration along with the Department of Energy Resources that the Town of Warren has been designated a Green Community. The town has been awarded \$157,740.00 in grant funds to aid in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. – **Noted. Mr. Nardi thanked Mrs. Acerra for her hard work in order to achieve this goal.**
6. The office received the monthly report of the Fire Chief for month ending January 2017.-**Noted.**

AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS – 2nd QUARTER FOR FY17

LED STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

Red Thread has been selected to do the LED Street Lighting Project. The company is located in East Hartford Connecticut and has extensive knowledge and experience with this type of project. With no further discussion the following motion was made: Motion to award the LED Street Lighting Project to Red Thread/Tech-Group made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

DOWNTOWN PARKING

At the request of Selectmen Richard, the downtown parking issue was on the agenda this evening in order to discuss the matter further. Mr. Nardi provided some history on the matter. At the BOS meeting on October 25, 2016, to which he was not present, a vote was taken by Selectmen Gagner and Selectmen Richard, at which time they voted to allow only one (1) dedicated parking space (in front of booking) on Milton O. Fountain Way. On November 22, 2016, a subsequent vote was taken to uphold the vote for the one spot on Milton O. Fountain Way and three (3) along Main Street in front of dispatch. Additional discussions took place with Selectmen Richard and members of the Local 195. Mr. Nardi has no intentions of voting again on the matter, therefore he excused himself from the meeting and left the room. Mr. Gagner stated that his position has not changed. He is not willing to take a chance on any possible breach of safety. Mr. Richard stated that this conversation has gone on way too long (October 11th), to which all involved had concerns. It is understandable with the reconfiguration of the downtown and loss of parking, however he felt there had to be some compromise in order for the greater good of the town. Mr. Richard requested that Mrs. Acerra accompany him to meet with NEBPA Local 195, Det. Jeffrey Von Dauber and Officer Daniel Courtney. At that time, Det. Von Dauber laid out his concerns for safety for his officers. In light of the discussion, Mr. Richard made a motion to allow two (2) dedicated parking spots on Milton O. Fountain Way (directly in front of booking) and NONE on Main Street including any employee vehicles which was seconded by Mr. Gagner. He further agreed to allow the 980 Main Street lot to be opened although it has not yet been officially approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Richard stated that this would alleviate many of the issues. This entire matter will be effective February 8, 2017.

FY 18 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Mongeon, Chair of the Finance Committee stated that budgets are starting to come in. As they do, his Committee will review and discuss further.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 65 & 66 in the amounts of \$36,847.76 and \$680,029.06 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 12 for FY15 to PVPC for Grant #00762 in the amount of \$16,795.61 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 3 for FY16 to PVPC for Grant #00783 in the amount of \$1,439.86 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A reminder that the FOTTH Polish Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Warren Senior Center.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Chief Lavoie once again reminded all residents to make sure that their house numbers are clearly marked and visible from the street.

Next Meeting Date: March 14, 2017 at 7 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen Minutes of March 7, 2017

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk