

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF MARCH 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 March 6, 2017 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly report of CERT/EMERGENCY MGMT. for month ending February 2017.- Noted
2. The office received the monthly report of the Chief of Police for month ending February 2017.-Noted
3. The office received the monthly report of the Fire Chief for month ending February 2017.-Noted

ELYSE HENAULT – 39 COUTURE DRIVE

Ms. Henault came before the Board this evening to discuss her property at 39 Couture Drive. The property is currently on the market and would like to offer it to the town first as a right of first refusal for a public safety complex. Mr. Nardi is familiar with the property, however all members agree that the town is not currently in a position to make that large of a purchase at this time. In addition, based on discussions in the past, residents would like to see public safety officials in a more visible location. Ms. Henault thanked the Board for their time.

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Mr. Gagner requested to discuss the Board's position on the matter in light of the Commonwealth's vote in November of 2016 legalizing recreational marijuana. He questioned if Warren was going to be a "dry" town, do we limit where it can be sold and so forth. Mr. Nardi personally does not want Warren to be known as selling "pot". After a discussion, all agreed that the residents should decide. The office will check to see if a ballot question can be done or in the way of an Article on the May Warrant.

REED STREET WATER

Mr. Nardi corresponded with Town Planner, William Scanlan for a status update on the Reed Street Water issue. Mr. Scanlan has completed the Pre-development Planning Grant and is currently waiting to hear back. Mr. Scanlan anticipates a response within the next 2 weeks. If we don't have enough information for the May ATM, then the town will hold a STM in the summer to address this issue.

FY 18 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Nardi stated that he met with David Delanski, who serves as the Finance Committee liaison to the Board of Selectmen. Several changes were made. Mr. Nardi is hoping to attend the Finance Committee meeting on 3/16/17.

Mr. Mongeon, Chair of the Finance Committee stated that he does not have the Police budget as of yet, which corrections are still being made. Mr. Nardi also stated that he would like to take the Emergency Management portion out of the Selectmen's budget and put it into Fire which is more appropriate.

A work meeting will be scheduled for BOS/FinCom shortly on a Saturday morning to go over all the budgets for FY18.

Mr. Nardi also discussed the new DLTA round of grants. A department head meeting will be scheduled to discuss the matter. A significant amount of monies is available for IT, which the town is lacking.

A joint meeting with the Pathfinder Regional Vocational School District will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7PM. Members of the BOS and Finance will try to attend.

As a reminder, Article submissions are due to the BOS Office by March 30th.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 75 & 76 in the amounts of \$34,570.77 and \$40,272.30 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 13 for FY15 to PVPC for Grant #00762 in the amount of \$30,631.68 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 4 for FY16 to PVPC for Grant #00783 in the amount of \$6,053.25 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gagner wanted to wish the Lady Cougars well in their game on Saturday. Mr. Nardi thanked the Friends of the Town Hall and those who supported their efforts with the Polish Dinner.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS – NONE

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,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk