

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017
6 PM & 7 PM Meetings**

PRESENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman, Mr. James A. Gagner, Jr., and Mr. Marc W. Richard, Clerk
ATTENDEES: Vincent McCaughey; Moderator, Jeffrey Blake; Town Counsel, Sgt. Joseph LaFlower, John Nason Barry Mongeon, Nancy Lowell, Lisa Digris, Madeline Witaszek, Howard Moulson, Adam Lavoie and Stanley and Beverly Soltys

Opened the Meeting at 6 PM and Chairman Nardi dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Mr. Nardi reminded all in attendance that tonight's meeting is being both video and audio taped.

MOCK TOWN MEETING

The Board met this evening to participate in a Mock Town Meeting. This is an avenue for all parties to review the Warrants prior to Town Meeting and to do a final review and discussion.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Article 1 – OK

Article 2 – OK – The Accountant provided the figure as \$27,466.19

Article 3 & 4 – OK

Article 5 – The Moderator requested that the date of the original appropriation be added

Articles 6-8 – OK

Article 9 – Brief discussion as this was a late submission on the Warrant

Article 10 – wording will be verified and set to Moderator & Counsel for final review of motion

Article 11 -15 OK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Article 1-2 – OK

Article 3 & 4 – Moderator requested that the Attachments be stapled to the Motions

Article 5 – 18 – OK

Article 18 – Municipal Modernization Act. Atty. Blake spoke about the new regulations. This Article is two part. The first is to reauthorize the allocations for FY 2018 and the second portion adopts it as a General By-law.

Article 19 – 28 – OK

Motion to Recess until the 7 PM regular session Board of Selectmen's Meeting made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Chairman Nardi re-opened the Meeting at 7 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nardi again, reminded all in attendance that tonight's meeting is being both video and audio taped.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly report of the Police Chief and CERT/EM for month ending March 2017. - *Noted*
2. The Warren Fire Department has announced that they will be conducting free Blood Pressure Clinics on the first Friday of every month at the Warren Senior Center beginning at 10:30 AM till after lunch

is served. This clinic is free and open to all residents. They will also be conducting free Blood Pressure Clinics on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6 PM for the residents at Winthrop Terrace which will be held in the Common Room.-**Noted**

3. Volunteers are needed for Lucy Stone Park. Work parties are scheduled for May 13th and May 27th. The work parties run from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Bring gloves and tools.- **Noted**
4. Registration is underway at the Ware Adult Learning Center for summer and fall classes. The program is in conjunction with the CDBG Grant administered through PVPC. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Selectmen's Office.- **Noted**
5. The Friends of the Town Hall sent an invitation to the Board of Selectmen to the Open House at the Town Hall on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 1 PM to 3 PM. – **Noted. All were encouraged to attend.**
6. Rural Improvement will be holding a town wide clean up on Saturday, May 6th from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Members of Rural Improvement will be at the Town Common beginning at 9 AM to assist volunteers. – **Noted**

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Shelia LaFlower and Kathleen Odiorne as Election Workers as requested by the Town Clerk made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to appoint Jacqueline Gancorz (replacing Elizabeth Gancorz) as an Election Worker as requested by the Town Clerk made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Chairman Nardi proclaimed April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day for the Town of Warren and read aloud the Proclamation. The Tree Warden, Ken Lacey, was unable to attend this evening, however the Board thanked him for his hard work and dedication.

CITIZENS ACTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Louise Mundell addressed the Board regarding the Tax Title Properties. For some time now, the CAC has requested that the process of moving properties be explained to them. They (CAC) seem to keep getting the run around and finger pointing as to whose responsibility it is. A meeting will be scheduled between all parties to discuss and move this issue forward.

MEMORIAL DAY/FIREWORKS

The Park & Recreation Department has scheduled a fireworks display for Sunday, May 28, 2017. This is the same day that the town observes Memorial Day. The Veterans Council is in attendance this evening to state their position that they are NOT in favor of this activity on this day. The Council is in no way against the fireworks or the programs that the Parks puts on, however feel strong that this is a somber occasion. The Board of Selectmen agree that such an event should not be held on this day. There were no Park Commissioners in attendance this evening.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Mr. Nardi presented to the Board a draft of a Social Media Policy that he would like them to review and discuss at a future meeting for possible adoption. Currently, the Town does not have one in place and in light of the electronic world that we live in, Mr. Nardi feels that it is necessary.

Both Mr. Gagner and Mr. Richard are in favor, however would like to review and discuss further.

TOWN MEETING UPDATE

The Finance Committee will be finalizing their budget at tomorrow’s meeting (April 26th). Earlier this evening, the Board participated in a Mock Town Meeting to review the Warrants. As a reminder, the Town Meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2017 beginning at 6:30 PM at Quaboag Regional M/H School.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 89 & 90 dated April 17, 2017 in the amounts of \$35,216.92 & \$232,969.62 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 91 & 92 dated April 24, 2017 in the amounts of \$45,216.92 & \$82,925.81 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 93 dated April 24, 2017 in the amount of \$1,400.00 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – 2 Yes, Mr. Gagner Abstained

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gagner stated that George’s Pizza will be opening soon at the former Town Pizza. The Board welcomed them to town and wished them well.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Lavash entered the meeting just prior to the end to advise all the he has contacted the ADA regarding the FOTTH Open House which is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th. He stated that such an event cannot be held in light of the fact that the building is not handicap accessible. After an impromptu discussion, the ADA will be contacted for clarification.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. At 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk