

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017**

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

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Chairman Gagner opened the Meeting at 7 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Mr. Gagner advised all in attendance that tonight's meeting is being both video and audio taped. Ms. Montague and Mrs. Soltys are audiotaping the meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2017 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2017 for 6 PM and 7 PM made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2017 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – 2 Yes, Mr. Nardi abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received notification that the Town will receive an additional \$6,154.00 in participation credits from MIIA. These credits will be applied towards the FY 18 insurance premium. – **Noted**
2. The Board of Health is holding a lottery open to all residents to win 1 of 15 grant funded home compost bins. Additional information, including how to enter can be found on the town's website or by calling the Board of Health Office at 436-5701 ext. 112. – **Noted**
3. **REMINDER:** The Town will observe Memorial Day with our Annual Parade which will take place on Sunday, May 28th beginning at 1 PM at St. Paul's Cemetery in Warren. Following the conclusion of the parade at Veterans Park in West Warren, the Veterans Council will host a luncheon at the Senior Center. Anyone interested in attending can contact the Veterans Council or the Board of Selectmen's Office. - **Noted**

SUBAGURU OF MASSACHUSETTS – CHRISTOPHER MENDREK – CLASS II LICENSE

Mr. Mendrek is requesting a Class II License for his auto repair business located at 114 South Street in West Warren. He recently went before the Planning Board for the necessary Special Permit that is required by the town's zoning by laws. Mr. Mendrek submitted all proper paperwork including the \$25,000.00 bond that is necessary. With no objections, the following motion was made: Motion to approve and grant a Class II License to Christopher Mendrek d/b/a Subaguru of Massachusetts made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. The Board wished Mr. Mendrek success.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENTS

Motion to reappoint Hannah Cayea, Erica Schlosstein, Conor McCarthy and Hollie Delanski for a three year term as recommended by the Cable Advisory Committee made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 101 & 102 dated May 22, 2017 in the amounts of \$35,352.47 & \$22,167.56 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 109 for FY 2012 for the DHCD Draw Down to PVPC in the amount of \$152,000.00 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richard stated that he attended the Honor Court for the Eagle Scouts over this past weekend. He went on to say that it was quite an accomplishment and requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the young men from town that received this designation.

Mr. Nardi requested that the Chairman consider placing the proposed Social Media Policy, employee evaluations and the Public Records written policy be placed on an upcoming agenda. Mr. Gagner was agreeable.

To that end, Mr. Gagner would also like to Board to consider discussing the Recreational Marijuana and where we (the town) is going to go with that matter. All were in favor.

Mr. Gagner also stated that he spoke with the Highway Surveyor and advised all that he will be placing the crosswalk signs in the crosswalk where the paint has faded. MassDOT is withholding payment from Ludlow Construction until they are repainted.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Nickerson addressed the Board this evening on several matters. 1). Concerned that the Board of Selectmen are going to make a decision on the Recreational Marijuana without hearing from the public. 2) He also questioned when and if the mess downtown from the construction is ever going to be cleaned up and 3) questioned the status of the cell tower. To answer his questions: The BOS will bring the discussion and vote to the people to decide about Recreational Marijuana. Additional quotes from Ludlow Construction regarding the work under the underpass were received and are being reviewed by Federal Highway. The Town is at their mercy. A call has been placed to have them clean up prior to Memorial Day and Industrial Communications appeal period just ended and they have filed their Decision with the Registry of Deeds. They are ready to proceed with filing for the building permit.

Mr. John Nason addressed the Board to discuss last week's Comments & Concerns portion of the meeting and to the manner in which it was conducted. He is making every effort in being involved with the town, not only as a member of the Finance Committee but by attending the BOS meetings on a weekly basis. He feels that if he is not offered the opportunity to speak, then he is wasting his time. Mr. Gagner stated that he is willing to acknowledge residents, however in the past, he feels that Comments and Concerns have gotten "hijacked" by individuals. He feels that some should not be allowed to address the Board based on past behavior. He is not willing to allow foul, vulgar language control the meeting. He is interesting in moving forward, not continually looking back.

Ms. Roxanna Nowak stated that bringing up prior discussions is valid if the issue still exists. Mr. Gagner agreed to that point.

Mr. Brian Corriveau spoke out to which Chairman Gagner advised him that he had not been recognized by the Chair. Mr. Corriveau left the meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 6, 2017 at 7 PM. **As a reminder, the Selectmen's Office will be closed next week for vacation.**

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

