

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2017**

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

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Gagner Opened the Meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He notified all in attendance that this evening's meeting was being both video and audio recorded. Ms. Colleen Montague acknowledge audio taping of the meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 3, 2017 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention – Mr. Nardi.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly reports of the Fire Chief and CERT/Emergency Mgmt. for month ending September 2017. - **Noted**
2. The office received a copy of a thank you letter that the Conservation Commission sent to Ms. Ellen Sousa at Turkey Hill Brook Farm in Spencer. Ms. Sousa provided design plans, time and plants towards Lucy Stone Park. - **Many thanks to all volunteers and the Conservation Commission.**
3. The West Warren Fireman's Association is request that the Board of Selectmen consider setting this year's Trick or Treat hours for Tuesday, October 31st from 5 PM to 6:30 PM. At 6:30 PM their annual parade will form at the corner of Main and North Street enroute to Station B on Albany Street. - **Noted.**

SEALCOATING, INC. – BID AWARD

Motion to award Sealcoating, Inc. with the bid for Fiberized Crack Seal as presented made by Mr. Richard; second; Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

CITIZENS ACTION COMMITTEE

Mr. James Fountain returned this evening for an update on the town owned properties. Mr. Lavash is out of town this week and was not able to attend. The Treasurer provided a memo and list of the properties with notations as to their status. Some of the properties have deed restrictions and/or conservation land. Additional research is going to be needed. Mr. Gagner stated that he would follow up with Mr. Lavash upon his return. Mr. Gagner will also remind Mr. Lavash (as an Assessor) that their office needs to continue to research the "unknown" properties. Mrs. Acerra suggested that the Treasurer work with CMRPC who has a program that offers assistance with tax title properties. Mr. Richard stated that since their last meeting, we've seen the most movement to get the ball rolling, which has been the CAC's biggest frustration. Mr. Fountain thanked the Board for their time.

*Mr. Fountain also advised the Board that there appears to be a gas or oil spill on the 980 Main Street lot from the construction vehicles that are being housed. The office will contact the construction company in the morning.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 30 & 31 dated October 9, 2017 in the amounts of \$36,210.67 and \$95,456.42 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 32 & 33 dated October 16, 2017 in the amounts of \$45,271.28 and \$25,971.24 respectively made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice #20 for FY 15 for the Community Assistance Program # 00762 to PVPC in the amount of \$1,574.23 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice #11 for FY 16 for the Community Assistance Program # 00783 to PVPC in the amount of \$14,776.15 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richard requested that the office send a letter to the construction firm that is placing their equipment in the 980 Main Street lot have it removed by October 26, 2017 in order to allow for resident parking.

7:15 PM – ANDREW DANFORTH

Mr. Danforth addressed the Board this evening regarding the mobile home parks in town. His company, which is a 501 c3 non-profit co-operative business represents mobile home parks with assistance in helping residents purchase by a low-equity by-in program. He stated that they have had great success throughout the Commonwealth. This allows residents to have a stake in their property versus an absentee landlord that more times than not, neglectful of any of the resident's concerns. He is requesting that the Board provide an exemption to the Rent Control Board. He likened this to a third party controlling the resident's destiny. Mr. Nardi feels that this would need to go to Counsel as it would be a by-law change. It is clear that more discussion will be necessary on the matter. The Board was in agreement to have the office contact Counsel for guidance.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The Board discussed the Warrant with the expectation of signing this evening.

Article 1 – increase of \$15K towards legal – all ok

Article 2 – transfer for BOH – oversight in budgeting – all ok

Article 3 – purchase of land on South Street – verbal agreement in place for a purchase price of 5K. Additional funds will be added to final amount to cover associated costs with purchasing (surveying, deed recording, etc.) – all ok

Article 4 – Pass over at the request of BOH Chairman, Ken Lacey – all ok

Article 5 & 6 – funds from sewer retained earnings – all ok

Article 7 – two way radio service per FCC regulations (4K). Will pass over and consider in May only if we are facing penalties. If so, then the matter will go before the voters on 11-2-17.

Article 8 – oversight on prior year's bill, will require 9/10th vote – all ok

Article 9 - & 10 – standard Articles that address the regional school district once the state's budget is finalized. – all ok

Article 11 – Pass over at the request of Dr. Kustigian - all ok

Article 12 – two non-binding questions regarding recreational marijuana – all ok

With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to approve and sign the Warrant for the STM scheduled for 11-2-17 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Jeff Tripp addressed the Board this evening regarding a barking dog issue at 48 Liberty Street. This has been an ongoing matter for some time. Mr. Tripp is seeking a resolution. Chairman Gagner along with Mr. & Mrs. Tripp met last week along with Interium ACO, Sydney Plante. Ms. Plante provided an email to the office with a summary of her actions. The dog owners, who were in attendance, stated that once Ms. Plante spoke to them, they have complied by taking the dog in. As of today, October 17, 2017 she (Plante) provided a written statement that no further calls were received by dispatch relative to the barking dog issue at said location and feels that matter has been resolved. Mr. Gagner agreed that if the issue continues, then the Board will meet to discuss. Mr. Tripp pushed to discuss further, so it was agreed that they (Tripp) be placed on the next regular meeting. Mrs. Acerra requested that Mr. Tripp contact her in the morning in order to have him provide the office with his contact information for scheduling. Mr. Tripp agreed and stated he would call in the morning.

Mr. Soltys questioned the Chairman as to a statement he made in where he accused Mr. Soltys of using an expletive at a recent meeting. Mr. Gagner suggested that he watch the tape. Mr. Soltys denied the accusation.

Chief Spiewakowski briefly discussed the matter of filling the FT Officer position. He was advised that he was not on the agenda to discuss this matter. Mr. Richard stated that he met with the Chief today and Mr. Nardi has copies of the emails for his review. Chief Spiewakowski will be on the next agenda.

Mr. Mongeon, Chair of Finance addressed the Board this evening regarding the FinCom's meeting with Mr. Lavash and the subsequent discussion Finance had over the wood chips. Mr. Mongeon was also advised that this matter is not on the agenda either and will need to be addressed at an upcoming meeting. At that time, the office will ask that Mr. Lavash be present.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk