

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2017**

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

ABSENT: 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. Melina Bourdeau acknowledge audio taping of the meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 17, 2017 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly reports of the Chief of Police for the month ending September 2017. - *Noted*

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Sydney Plante as Animal Control Officer made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to appoint Gail Sledziewski as Senior Center Custodian made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – STATUS UPDATE ON TRIPP DOG COMPLAINT –LIBERTY STREET

Ms. Plante, as former Alternate ACO and now newly appointed ACO recently met with Mr. & Mrs. Tripp (Liberty Street) on October 12, 2017 to discuss a long time issue with their neighbor's dogs barking. Complaints, both to past Animal Control Officers and to police dispatch have been documented. Anne Banville, who currently owns 12 dogs which all are fully licensed and vaccinated have been the center of attention. Ms. Plante spoke with Ms. Banville after she met with the Tripp's and thus far has fully complied with keeping the dogs quiet during "quiet times". This step has resolved many of the issues already.

Ms. Plante stated that if there are any further issues, then residents are asked to contact dispatch and Ms. Plante will be contacted. Should issues continue, then appropriate action will be taken.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 34 & 35 dated October 24, 2017 in the amounts of \$35,265.02 and \$634,869.78 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richard advised all that several free events are coming up: Trunk or Treat at the WCES on Friday 10/27, the Haunted House, hosted by Park & Rec at the Shepard Building on 10/27, 10/29 and 10/30. And finally, town wide Trick or Treat on Tuesday, October 31st from 5 PM to 6:30 PM with the parade forming at 6:30 PM at the corner of North and Main Street in West Warren.

Mr. Gagner spoke with the Chief of Police and he stated that there are only two available slots for an accelerated police academy course. The Chief has been requesting the Board's permission to fill the FT Officer slot in anticipation of the current Sergeant facing mandatory retirement in April of 2018. Normally, academy training last 26 weeks. This course is shortened to

18 weeks. Mr. Richard stated he spoke with the Chief and would like to discuss at a meeting where the full board can attend. The office will schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Ms. Michelle Pavini expressed concern over the alternate routes that school walkers and vehicles are now taking in light of the closing of the underpass. She asked if yellow lines could be painted on Parkview, Liberty and other streets in the area. Vehicles tend to travel too fast and do not necessarily stay on their own side of the road. The office will contact the Highway Department. Mr. Gagner will also contact the Police Department to step up patrols in the area.

The Board also discussed having Ludlow Construction cover the sign on Milton O. Fountain Way. With the current construction, the traffic is getting confused. The underpass work is currently ahead of schedule. The work is currently at a halt due to the necessity of having the concrete cure. Work will resume when testing comes back, which tests are conducted at 7, 14 & 21 day intervals after a pour.

The office has provided MassDOT with a letter of intent in having the portion of Main Street in West Warren discontinued as State Highway, which would eliminate bike lanes which would allow for legal parking.

Beverly Soltys: Industrial Communications update: surveying is in the process of being completed and stakes are in the ground. Mr. Gagner will provide an update at the next meeting.

Anne Banville asked if a resolution has been reached with the Local 195. Mr. Gagner stated that the Board is working with the Local 195 towards a resolution.

John Nason – questioned sidewalks in town. Finance had increased the Highway Departments line for sidewalk repair however there has been no work done to date. The sidewalk work that is being done is in conjunction with MassDOT projects and not reflective in our town Highway budget.

Mr. Gagner requested that an email be sent to all departments requesting that they contact the Finance Committee first to discuss budgetary matters.

Katie Mellen expressed concern over the continuing deterioration of Bridge Street. That too, has been serving as an alternate route to Rte. 19. The office will contact Highway for an update.

Next Meeting: November 2nd for the STM and the next regular meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 7 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

