

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2018**

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

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. Colleen Montague advised her audio taping this evening's meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2018 and March 20, 2018 as written made by Mr. Richard: second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. As a reminder, the Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on Monday, April 23rd beginning at 7:15 PM to consider proposed zoning bylaw amendments. The Board is proposing to amend Section 15, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, to add retail sales, cultivation and processing of marijuana. They are also proposing to amend Section 3.2, Table of Use Regulations, subsection 3.25.5, large solar energy facility, to require a special permit and site plan review in the Rural and Commercial districts, and to allow battery energy storage systems in all districts by special permit with site plan review. - **Noted**
2. The office was advised that the Board of Health has appointed Sydney Plante to a one-year term as the Animal Inspector, which will run May 1st through April 30, 2019. - **Noted**
3. The Town Clerk will be holding Voter Registration on Wednesday, April 11th from 9 AM to 8 PM. As a reminder, the Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 1st from 8 AM to 8 PM at your respective polling stations, and the Special and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8th beginning at 6: 30 PM at Quaboag Regional Middle High School auditorium. - **Noted**
4. The town will be hosting a Meet the Candidates night on Tuesday, April 17th at 7 PM. Tyler Wolanin, Aide to Sen. Gobi will be the moderator for the evening. Residents interested in submitting questions for the candidates may do so to the Selectmen's Office. - **Noted**

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 78 & 79 dated March 26, 2018 in the amounts of \$38,102.51 and \$75,984.39 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 80 & 81 dated April 2, 2018 in the amounts of \$39,617.09 and \$683,343.73 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richard advised the Board this evening that a quote is being provided by a security company to address the issues that have been reoccurring this past winter. Mr. Richard also advised that Mrs. Acerra coordinated a meeting with Town Counsel, Janet Pierce from CMRPC and town officials to discuss the Tax Title properties. Unfortunately, the Board of Assessors didn't show up. Mrs. Carney, the newly appointed Assistant Assessor did attend, much to her credit, even though she wasn't officially in the role. Resident Louise Mundell from the CAC did attend. Mr. Richard expressed his disappointment over the fact that we can have individuals from Boston and Worcester, however certain employees can't even be bothered to walk down the hall. The fact remains that it is the Assessors job to research the "unknown" properties. Mr. Richard would also like to invite the

Board of Health to the next meeting to discuss the landfill. This will be the second request made to them. Mr. Richard reminded all that we, both elected and appointed work for the residents of this community.

Mr. Gagner advised all that the state will be holding a trout stocking at Lucy Stone Park on Tuesday, April 17th from 10 AM to 10:30 AM. The many volunteers who worked to beautify the property will assist.

Mr. Gagner also gave a nod to the Officer Morin, Officer LaFlower and K9-Murray for their recent drug arrest. This was brought about by an astute resident who called the police to investigate.

CHRIS DUNPHY – QUABOAG STREET PROJECT/REQUEST TO AMEND FY 16 CDBG BUDGET

Mr. Dunphy was in attendance this evening along with Bill Storti, Engineer from Weston & Sampson

Mr. Dunphy first requested that the Board consider an amendment for the FY 16 CDBG grant, which was obtained for Warren, Hardwick and Ware housing and rehab projects. He is requesting the Board approve an amendment to transfer \$18,600.00 of unexpended money from design funds to housing rehab funds. The motion was made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous. Additionally, he advised that the Quaboag Street project will be comprised three components which are FY 17 funds, 1 million grant from MassWorks and \$20,000.00 from Chapter 90 funds.

For this evening's discussion, he and Mr. Storti reviewed highlights of the project: the appearance of the road from Main Street to Quaboag Street will appear narrower. This is not the case. Currently there are no defined sidewalks, which along gives the appearance of the road being wider. An approximate 100' section of Quaboag Street (end nearest Old W. Brookfield Road) is proposed to be a one-way. After a design review, this will allow for proper ADA compatibility. Highway Surveyor, Tom Boudreau was in attendance this evening and he stated that he had Lizak Bus Company drive the proposed route, which worked out well. Chief Lavoie feels that it would be an improvement from what is there now. The project also calls for the retaining wall to be replaced at 34 Quaboag Street as well as new water and sewer lines. The Board feels that this projects is a win all around. Chief Lavoie cautioned about any large event being held at the school, where parking may be an issue. The Police Department will have to monitor and enforce the law. Motion to change the approximate 100' portion of Quaboag Street to one-way as described and presented this evening made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

As far as the timeline on the project, Mr. Dunphy offered the following:

Mr. Storti is on the Conservation Commission agenda on April 11th, the project should go out to bids within the month. Bids will be received in May and then will be presented to the town with the hopes of picking a contractor by June. PVPC will coordinate meetings with Police, Fire, Highway, Sewer, Water and the school. Town Planner, Bill Scanlan will oversee the administration of the MassWorks grant. Once again, PVPC has been a valuable asset to the town through Mr. Dunphy's direct efforts.

FY 19 BUDGET – ONGOING DISCUSSIONS

Continued discussions took place regarding the Articles for Highway. Mr. Boudreau was in attendance at the Saturday budget meeting, however had to leave early. The Board did not approve his Articles for inclusion on the warrant. Mr. Boudreau stated that there appears to be some confusion, namely the timing of emails and article submissions. Mr. Boudreau stated that the Capital Planning Committee approved his request for \$7,600.00. The request for the \$25,000.00 machine came up at the last minute and Capital Planning did not recommend it for this May due to the unanswered questions. Both the \$7,600.00 and \$25,000.00 articles were voted down at the budget meeting (3/24/18). Capital Planning member, Gerry Sauer stated that the BOS has a policy that if it is not recommended by them (CP) then the Selectmen wouldn't put it on the warrant. He asked if they (BOS) were going to stand by their policy. Mr. Boudreau stated that he would consider a citizens petition. Also, in his regular budget, there is an additional \$10,000.00 figured in which would account for the properly licensed individual to operate the \$25K machine. If that fails, then the highway omnibus budget will need to be reduced.

JAMES MCKEON – DEP. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Last June, the Army Corp of Engineers did an inspection of the West Warren Levee System. There are ongoing concerns of overgrowth on the rocks, which has been noted in their report and will need to be addressed. Mr. Gagner suggested that the

first step is to find out who actually owns the property and where the responsibility actually lies. Mr. Gagner will contact Mr. Tony Marcotte on the matter.

Next Meeting Date: April 10, 2018 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner - unanimous at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk