

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2018**

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

**ATTENDEES:** See Attached List

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**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 and Mrs. Beverly Soltys advised their audio taping this evening's meeting.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2018 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second; Mr. Richard – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention (Mr. Nardi due to absence)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The office received the monthly reports of the Fire Chief and EM/CERT for month ending March 2018.-**Noted**
2. As a reminder, the Town Clerk will be holding Voter Registration on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 8 PM. Also, the Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM to 8 PM at your respective polling stations, and the Special and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6: 30 PM at Quaboag Regional Middle High School auditorium.- **Noted**
3. Also, town will be hosting a Meet the Candidates night on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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**
4. And finally, the Veterans Council will be hosting a "Welcome Veterans" event on Friday evening, April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center. The event is open to all Veterans and their families. This event is to provide additional information as to the services that are available to our Veterans. -**Noted**

**BOARD OF HEALTH – DISCUSSION ON LANDFILL – MASS DEP ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

The Board requested that a member or members of the Board of Health be in attendance this evening to discuss the concerns that MassDEP has with the third-party inspections at the landfill. This is the third time that they have been invited to attend however have yet to do so. Mr. Richard feels that with their request for an Article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for \$100,000.00, they could at least have the courtesy of attending a meeting to answer resident questions.

**WEST WARREN LIBRARY – 1 DAY POURING LICENSE**

Motion to approve and sign a 1 – Day pouring license for the Warren and West Warren Library joint fundraising event, which is scheduled for May 5, 2018 from 5 PM to 9 PM at the Senior Center made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

**2018 ELECTION WORKER APPOINTMENTS**

Motion to appoint the 2018 Election Workers as requested by the Town Clerk (attached) made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

**TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES**

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 82 & 83 dated April 9, 2018 in the amounts of \$42,753.75 and \$12,683.95 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign FY 16 Invoice No. 116 for the CDBG Draw Down to PVPC in the amount of \$31,000.00 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign FY 17 Invoice No. 117 for the CDBG Draw Down to PVPC in the amount of \$12,000.00 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

### **COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

Mr. Steven Hall addressed the Board and audience this evening to announce his bid for the upcoming Senate Election. He stated that he is a newcomer to the political field and spoke briefly about his concerns.

### **7:15 PM – TIGHE AND BOND – DISCUSSION ON REED STREET WATER STUDY**

Jeff Faulker from Tighe and Bond addressed the Board this evening to discuss the results of the Reed Street Water Study. As many know, approximately 10 homes on Reed Street have been deemed not to have potable water due to the 1-4 Dioxane contaminant. T & B reviewed three alternatives which were outlined in a report provided to the Board. The costs associated with the proposals run from 2.3 million to 3.8 million dollars. T & B recommended Alternative #1 which provides the best pressure to the most people at the most reasonable costs. There were no Water District Members (Warren or West Warren) in attendance this evening, however have seen the presentation before. The biggest issue is the funding source for all of this. The two Water Districts are independently owned and operated. There is some discussion of the two districts merging, however that process could take years and several legislative votes. Town Planner, Bill Scanlan was in attendance and stated that there are very limited grants available, however would be willing to set up a meeting with Rural Development. T & B stated that they would be happy to attend the meeting at no additional cost to the town.

### **FY 19 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Some final discussions took place regarding the FY 19 budget. Mr. Mongeon stated that he received the information regarding the West Warren Water's request for a hydrant rental increase and the landfill budget changed by \$1,000.00. The Police Chief shifted the Town Hall Maintenance line back to the Selectmen (\$3,000.00) and Mr. Boudreau is anticipating a citizen's petition for his articles. Mr. Mongeon also stated that there was an error on the schools budget. Finance will be meeting with them again to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Nardi stated that the auction on surplus equipment would be closing on Friday. He is hopeful that most of the items will be sold. Mr. Richard advised the Board that he would like to schedule a work meeting in the near future to discuss outstanding items. He would also like to contact a company to look at the two windows at the Shepard Building to address the leaking. They have been looked at and caulking was done, however this was only a temporary measure. Mr. Gagner stated that the cell tower company will be out on the 16<sup>th</sup> to look at the site once again and hopefully, work can proceed. He further stated that he received a call regarding the potential equestrian center and that Warren is one of three finalists.

### **COMMENTS & CONCERNS – continued**

Mr. Gagner congratulated Sgt. LaFlower for a 30+ year career in law enforcement and wished him a happy retirement. Mrs. Soltys requested that the netting on the tower be replaced. This was discussed some time ago. Mr. Richard will look into.

Next Meeting Date: April 24, 2018 at a time to be determined.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard - unanimous at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

