

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2018**

PRESENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard; Chairman and Mr. John Nason, Clerk

ABSENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Vice-Chairman

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Richard 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.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of May 22, 2018 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly report from the Chief of Police for month ending April 2018. (Please note that the office reviewed the monthly reports of the Police Department and the mileage has been provided since the directive was given to the Chief). *Noted*

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Tom Boudreau would like to thank Warren Truck and Auto for their assistance with placing the monument on Washington Street and Main Street. He also extended his thanks to the Seventh Day Adventist Church for their donation of wood for a sign that the Highway Department helped erect at the bottom of Maple Street.

Michelle Pavini questioned who will now represent the Board moving forward with the efforts of getting a new Police Station. Mr. Richard stated that the matter has yet to be discussed with the new board and asked Ms. Pavini to get in touch with the office to provide current and up to date information.

Katherine Mellen questioned the status of the cell tower. All permits are in place and it is now depended on the developer's schedule. The office will reach out to the developer for an update.

John Nason thanked all who helped and participated in this year's Memorial Day Parade. He also discussed a beaver dam issue on Comins Pond Road. He has already contacted Mr. Boudreau regarding the matter. This issue will be looked into more closely and discussed by all appropriate parties.

Joe Lafko also questioned the status of the cell tower. Again, the office will reach out to the developer for an update.

PVPC – NOTICE OF AWARD – QUABOAG STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion to approve and sign the Notice of Award to A. Martins & Sons Construction for the FY 2017 Quaboag Street Infrastructure Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,205,814.05 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous. Motion to allow the Chairman to execute documents associated with the Quaboag Street Infrastructure Improvement Project as necessary made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appointment Matthew Hipple and Ashley Jodoin as part-time officers as recommended by Chief Spiewakowski made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

RUTLAND REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER

The Chief of Police provided a Memorandum of Understanding and Inter-Municipal Agreement for the Board's consideration and signature. Both he and Chief Lavoie along with former and current members of the Selectboard have been discussing regionalizing dispatch. This issue has been a topic of discussion for the last 10 years or so. More so now with the difficulty of filling shifts. Also, the Commonwealth has been strongly urging communities to regionalize services as outlined in the Community Compact, which the Town is a part of.

Chief Spiewakowski read from a statement he prepared and also shared on the department's Facebook page. By moving forward, this will allow both the Police and Fire Departments to have state of the art technology, which would not be able to be achieved without an exorbitant raise in taxes. Chief Lavoie echoed those sentiments and added that the RRECC will be able to provide a better product to the town with the added technology which will safeguard our first responders. He (Lavoie) stated that regionalization is the trend and highlighted the states of California and Texas as where those states only have three dispatch centers each in total.

Residents were concerned that there was not enough information regarding the matter. Both Chiefs acknowledged that this has moved along far more quickly than originally anticipated. No firm numbers on savings however Chief Spiewakowski stated that it should be substantial.

With the residents still uneasy at this point, the Board tabled the matter to the next regular meeting which is scheduled for June 19th. At that time, the Chief will see if the Director, Michael Moriarty will be able to attend and answer any questions.

3RD QUARTER AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS

Motion to approve the 3rd Quarter Ambulance Abatements in the amount of \$107,712.21 as presented by the Fire Chief made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve the dispersment of residual funds from the Call Salary line item as presented by the Fire Chief made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

TOM BOUDREAU – REQUEST FOR GIFT ACCOUNT

Mr. Boudreau is addressing the Board this evening in the hopes that the Board approve his request to create a gift account in order to receive donations for his road-side mower. Motion to approve the request to establish a gift account for the Highway Department for the purposes of accepting donations to go towards the purchase of a used road side mower made by Mr. Nason; second; Mr. Richard – unanimous.

MEGAN LAFKO – RESIDENT CONCERN/QUESTIONS

Mrs. Lafko requested to be on this evening's agenda in order to address the Board on a few issues. She submitted her questions in writing to the office as requested by the Chairman. Mrs. Lafko addressed the Board this evening, however Mr. Nardi was not in attendance and Mr. Richard advised her that she could not continue without the subject individual being present. She did state additional concerns and will contact the office to be placed on the agenda until such time when the full Board is present.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant number 99 dated May 23, 2018 in the amount of \$475.00 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 97 & 98 dated May 28, 2018 in the amounts of \$44,345.37 and \$730,278.03 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant number 100 & 101 dated June 4, 2018 in the amounts of \$45,829.03 and \$76,428.82 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign FY 16 Invoice No. 118 in the amount of \$26,000.00 payable to PVPC for the CDBG Draw Down made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign FY 17 Invoice No. 119 in the amount of \$26,000.00 payable to PVPC for the CDBG Draw Down made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard- unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richard thanked all who attended and participated in the Memorial Day Parade. A special thanks to the Veterans Council who coordinated the day's events.

Next Regular Meeting Date: June 19, 2018, 2018 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason - unanimous at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

