

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2018**

PRESENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard; Chairman, Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Vice-Chairman and Mr. John Nason, Clerk

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Richard opened the Meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Colleen Montague is in attendance and acknowledged her taping of this evening's meeting. Megan Lafko also acknowledged her audio and video taping of the meeting. Mr. Richard did advise those in attendance that the Board was informed that there are technical difficulties and the meeting may not go out live, however it was being taped and will be replayed at a later date/time.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the minutes of September 18, 2018 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign the minutes of September 24, 2018 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The FOTTH are seeking the Selectmen's permission to decorate and set up on the portico of the Town Hall on November 25th from 1 PM to 6 PM for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. – ***Motion to grant permission to the FOTTH as requested made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.***
2. Pathfinder Vocational will be holding an Open House tomorrow, October 3rd beginning at 6 PM. Mark Perna, a nationally known speaker will be the guest speaker with a book signing to follow. - ***Noted***
3. Lucy Stone coordinators are looking for volunteers for fall work events which are scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 20th and November 24th. More information can be found on the town's website. - ***Noted***
4. Reminders: The Warren Fireman's Association will be holding their Annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, October 20th beginning at 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Warren Fire Station. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and can be purchased at the fire station. In addition, the FOTTH will be holding their Polish Dinner on Saturday, October 27th beginning at 5 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and take out dinners are available. - ***Noted***
5. The office received the monthly report from CERT/EM for August 2018. - ***Noted***
6. Heal, Inc. will be hosting a Community Outreach Meeting on Tuesday, October 9th beginning at 6 PM. This meeting will be held at 70 Pulaski Street, Building #14 in West Warren. The public is encouraged to attend with any comments or concerns they may have. Additional information can be found on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov. - ***Noted***

WEST WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY – 1 DAY POURING LICENSE

Motion to approve and sign the 1-Day pouring License for the West Warren Public Library for Saturday, October 19, 2018 as presented made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason –unanimous.

STATE PRIMARY WARRANT

Motion to sign the State Primary Warrant scheduled for November 6, 2018 as presented made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

ACQUISITION FOR SOUTH STREET PROPERTY – DEED CLOSING

Motion to approve the closing of the acquisition for the South Street property as voted on at the November 2, 2017 STM made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

SEWER COMMISSION – ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ORDER

The Board has requested that the Sewer Commissioners attend a meeting on two different occasions in order to discuss the status of the ACO that has been issued by DEP. The Dept. of Environmental Protection has set strict benchmarks in order for the plant to come into compliance. They (DEP) have currently but the fines in abeyance until December of 2018, at which time, a \$14,000.00 per day fine will be imposed. The BOS are posted to attend their next meeting which is on October 10th at 8 AM at the wastewater treatment plant. Although they are an enterprise fund, any fines will be levied against the town.

APPOINTMENTS

The office received a request from Capital Planning requesting that Mr. Richard step down as they would prefer Mr. Nardi to be the BOS representative on the committee. Mr. Richard stated that this, like many other decisions in town could have been done without back dooring him and if that's the sentiment of the committee then he will gladly resign.

Motion to appoint Mr. Nardi to the Capital Planning Committee as requested by Capital Planning made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention – Mr. Nardi

The office also received notice that one of the two candidates for Park & Rec has withdrawn their name therefore the following motion was made: Motion to appoint Lisa Boucher to the Park & Rec Committee made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention – Mr. Nason due to conflict

Motion to appoint Adrienne Lalashius and Leo Iselin as Election Officers until December 31, 2018 as presented by the Town Clerk made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – STAFFING & DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT

Once again, the Board met with the Chief of Police to discuss staffing. At the last meeting on September 24, 2018, the Chief stated that he was out of ideas on what to do. At that meeting and with all in agreement, it was decided that the State Police would be contacted in order to see what services they could provide for coverage. In previous discussions, the MSP stated that they are more than willing, however would need a clear request as to days/times, etc. After further investigation, the ability for our dispatchers to directly communicate began an issue. The MSP work off of a different ban and our system is not compatible. The Chief has once again requested that the Board consider appointing one of our part-time officers to a full-time position as he is already fully academy trained, which as we know costs the town in excess of \$50,000.00 to send an individual to school. The Chief also met with Finance and they stated that it is not a money issue. One man per shift is not a safe manner to run the department. He (Chief) stated that he approached the BOS with this idea 1 ½ years ago and this request has fallen on deaf ears. Mr. Nardi would like to see the Chief hire more part-time officers. The Chief stated that he has hired two in the last 6 months, however he and the Board need to realize the difficulty in making them work as they have other full-time employment. Mr. Nason would like an unbiased person look at the staffing and finances. Mr. Nardi agreed that a department audit is long overdue. After additional discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to appoint Officer Bouchard from his part-time status to a full-time position with the condition of a department audit made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous. The Chief did request that the audit be done by an independent third party who is familiar with law enforcement.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 19 & 20 dated September 3, 2018 in the amounts of \$36,654.77 & \$148,505.27 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 25 & 26 dated September 24, 2018 in the amounts of \$38,692.31 & \$29,581.51 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 27 & 28 dated October 1, 2018 in the amounts of \$40,842.44 & \$693,853.45 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Soltys provided the Board with a copy of several surrounding towns' job description for Highway Superintendent. The Town of Warren does not currently have an approved job description.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi stated that there was a recent newspaper article about the Town of Whately who just recently renovated their town hall which included ADA compliance. It was a long task, however doable. He further stated that the Board should hear soon if the town was successful in securing the grant for the windows. He is also scheduled to meet with KP Law on Friday to discuss the town charter.

Next Regular Meeting Date: October 16, 2018 @ 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk