

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mr. James A. Gagner, Jr., Chairman and 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 advised her audio taping this evening's meeting. Mr. Gagner requested a moment of silence for the West Brookfield family that were apparent victims of a homicide.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 6, 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 report of Fire Chief for the month of February 2018. - **Noted**
2. The office received a request from Sgt. LaFlower requesting to be reclassified as a Reserve Police Officer upon his retirement of April 9<sup>th</sup>, in order to perform police details. **Sgt. LaFlower will be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss.**

**DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY (RTE. 67) – MAIN STREET, WEST WARREN**

Motion to vote and sign the letter of intent to discontinue a portion of state highway from Grove Street to the end of limits on Old West Warren Road as presented made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

**SNOW & ICE DEFICIT SPENDING**

Motion to allow deficit spending on Snow and Ice for the calendar year of 2017-18 winter season made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

**FY 19 BUDGET – ONGOING DISCUSSIONS**

As a reminder, all department heads will be meeting this Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM to review the budget and article submissions. All departments were notified and were strongly encouraged to attend. Mr. Nardi stated that the article to fund capital stabilization will steer the meeting. QRMHS has \$634K in E&D funds (free cash) and they would like to keep \$140,000.00 in their coffers. Mr. Nardi feels that the school should use some of their funds to offset their FY 19 requests. He also feels that there should be an article that earmarks funds for building maintenance. Additional discussions will take place on Saturday.

**TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES**

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 76 & 77 dated March 19, 2018 in the amounts of \$38,047.02 and \$34,463.63 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Richard expressed concern over the security issues at the Shepard Municipal Building. This is something that Mrs. Acerra has been bringing to the Board's attention since November and has fallen on deaf ears. Mr. Richard would also like to schedule a work meeting in the near future to discuss unresolved matters.

Mr. Nardi stated that he has taken pictures of the surplus equipment up at the Highway Garage and will be providing the office with a link to them. The information will be up on the town's website at [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov).

Mr. Nardi also expressed concern over the number of bagged hydrants throughout town. Chief Lavoie stated that he is aware of them and their location. He is also in communication with the Warren Water District Superintendent, Mr. Johnson with regard to this matter.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS-NONE**

Next Meeting Date: April 3, 2018 at 7 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Dario F. Nardi, Clerk

