

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 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. He notified all in attendance that this evening's meeting was being both video and audio recorded. Michael Baril and Tara Vicino are in attendance and acknowledged their taping of evening's meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of June 5, 2018 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention – Mr. Nardi due to absence.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The The office received the monthly reports of the Fire Chief and EM/CERT for the month ending May 2018. -**Noted**
2. The office received notice from Priscilla Clowes that she will be resigning from her position at the Highway Department Office. She is willing to work with the Highway Surveyor in order to provide a smooth transition. The office also received a letter of resignation from Robert Souza who resigned from the Quaboag Regional School Committee. - **Noted**
3. The Town's Annual Fireworks will be held on August 18, 2018 at Quaboag Regional M/H School at dusk. Music will begin at 6:30 PM.-**Noted**
4. The office received notice that on or around June 25th, A. Martins & Sons Construction will begin work on the Quaboag Street Improvement Project. Plans are to begin with the installation of the water main that will be replace from the intersection of Main Street to the intersection of Hillside Ave. Replacement of drainage systems will follow along with the rehabilitation of street and sidewalks surfaces. - **Noted**
5. The office received notice that the Warren Police Department recently responded to a residence in town in which various drugs were discovered resulting in charges of Possession with intent to distribute heroin, crack cocaine and other controlled substances. Congratulations to Det. Von Dauber and Officer Sinni for their efforts. - **Noted**

COMMENTS & CONCERNS – NONE

MEGAN LAFKO – RESIDENT CONCERN/QUESTIONS

Mrs. Lafko began by thanking Rebecca Acerra as Records Access Officer for her assistance and compliance with the requests she has put in. Mrs. Lafko addressed the Board this evening with several questions and concerns, which center on the manner in which employees are expected to conduct themselves. She expressed concern that elected officials, namely, Mr. Nardi is not adhering to the Board's rules. Mr. Nason stated that he as an elected official knows that his emails are public record and would expected that all, both appointed/elected would be held to the same standard.

Mr. Richard stated that a member of the Board of Selectmen cannot ask for the resignation of another elected official. Mr. Nardi stated to Mrs. Lafko that her questions are old questions and it's time to move on. Mrs. Lafko feels that Mr. Nardi has a personal vendetta against the Police Department. No further discussion was held at this time and Mrs. Lafko thanked the Board for their time.

7:15 PM – REED STREET WATER ISSUE

Mr. Scanlan along with residents of Reed Street were in attendance this evening to discuss the status of the Tighe & Bond proposals. The Board has had the opportunity to review them and in speaking with Mr. Scanlan, the 4.7 million dollar option (Alternative 1) was the best avenue to go, should the Board wish to do that. With the Board's permission, he could begin the process of applying to see what, if anything, is available for grants. He feels that a successful application would be a combination of grants and loan. USDA cannot commit to any grant assistance without first applying.

Neither water district has the funds available to do a project of this scope on their own. Mrs. Rugani stated that USDA is not the town's only option. She said that DEP and the EPA are also sources of funding, however need the town to request assistance. Mr. Steve Berry stated that we've (residents) have been discussing this for two and a half years and the Board has yet to make any decisions. There is a lot at stake for the residents affected by the water issue. Mr. Richard stated in April that he would contact Mike McGrath at DEP, however has yet to do so, which met with dissatisfaction by the residents. Mr. Nason requested that Mrs. Rugani provide him with her contact information and he would be more than happy to reach out for some further information and direction.

Mr. Nardi has spoken with Lt. Gov. Polito when she was here in January of 2017, so he knows that the state is aware of the problem, however the town must officially ask for assistance. Additional discussion took place around town meeting for to approve the funding, a timeline and additional discussions. Mrs. Rugani stated that if presented properly to the residence, then she is confident that an article would pass. The matter will be tabled for this evening and be discussed again at the July 24th meeting at which time, it is the intent of the Board to have additional information and a direction to go in. All were in agreement.

RUTLAND REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER (RRECC)

After previous discussions, including a public forum, and no further questions this evening, the following motion was made: Motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and Inter-Municipal Agreement with the RRECC made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi; - unanimous.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS – CLERK POSITION

Mr. Ramsey, as a newly elected Assessor addressed the Board this evening. With the impending retirement of Mrs. Coache, the office would like to advertise the Assessor's Clerk position. With no objection from the Board, the Assessors will move forward with advertising as per the Town's by-laws.

FFY2017 EMPG – CONTRACT EXTENSION

Motion to approve the FFY 2017 EMPG Contract Extension as presented by Mr. McKeon made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

TOWN PLANNER – CONTRACT EXTENSION

Motion to approve the contract extension for the Town Planner for FY 19 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

REQUEST TO INCREASE CAP ON 53E ½

Motion to allow the increase of the cap on the 53E ½ accounts for WCAT –TV 12 and the Inspector of Buildings as submitted. The Finance Committee will take up both of these requests at their next meeting.

OCEAN STATE PYROTECHNICS

Motion to sign the contract for Ocean State Pyrotechnics for the town's annual fireworks to be held on August 18th in the amount of \$8,000.00 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

YEAR END APPOINTMENTS

Motion to approve the Year End Appointments as presented made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 102 & 103 dated June 11, 2018 in the amounts of \$98,291.16 and \$157,793.82 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 104 & 105 dated June 18, 2018 in the amounts of \$39,689.63 and \$41,494.13 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi advised the Board this evening that the 1974 fire engine sold at auction for just under \$1,300.00. He and Mr. Boudreau will go back again and try to sell the grader.

He also advised that he met with the Historical Commission and FOTTH and Accountant to discuss moving forward with the window project.

Next Regular Meeting Date: July 10, 2018 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi - unanimous at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

