

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
WARE TOWN HALL-BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

ABSENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard - Chairman

The Board of Selectmen met with the Town of Ware Board of Selectmen this evening and the meeting opened at 7 PM. Ware ***Chairman, John Carroll called for a moment of silence to remember all the lives lost 17 years ago today due to the 9/11 terror attacks and also on this day which marks the 6th anniversary of the lives lost at Benghazi.***

After receiving an invitation from the Town of Ware to begin a discussion and gauge interest in possibly regionalization our schools, the town Boards met this evening to begin the discussion. Chairman Carroll stated that he is always looking for ways to save money and feels that regionalizing services is a good way to achieve that goal.

From all of the communities that Ware reached out to, Warren so far has been the only one interested. The Town of Ware Business Manager was tasked with contacting the area schools to see about speaking with the various school committees. According to Mr. Carroll, the Ware Board of Selectmen seemed to have more interest than the Ware School Committee.

Mr. Nardi confirmed that Warren is indeed a Community Compact Community and have identified regionalization as one of our best practices. Currently we are working with Ware as well as Palmer and Monson on the Regional Animal Control, which thus far has proven quite successful. He feels that regionalization is a way in order to achieve the best product at the highest savings. Mr. Nardi did advise the Board that Warren is only half of the equation as we are already regionalized with West Brookfield and would need their input as well.

Mr. Nason is also in favor of exploring the idea as it could prove to reduce both administrative and transportation costs for both towns.

Selectman Krukis stated that he is also in favor of exploring the idea. With that, Chairman Carroll suggested that a collaborative panel comprised of representatives from all towns and school committees be formed. All were in favor.

The Board thanked both Selectmen Nardi and Nason for their time this evening and more discussions will take place soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

