

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2019**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Vice-Chairman Nardi chaired this evening's meeting in Mr. Richard's absence and led with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Colleen Montague, Michael Baril and Brian Corriveau are in attendance and acknowledged their taping of this evening's meeting.

MINUTES – TABLED

At this time, the present Board was unable to approve the Minutes without the Chairman Present.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly reports of the Police and Fire Chiefs as well as CERT/Emergency Mgmt. for the month of December 2018. - **Noted**
2. The office received notice that the Fire Department has been awarded \$3,754.00 for Student Awareness of Fire Department (S.A.F.E.) grant and \$2,400.00 for Senior SAFE grant. – **Noted. Congratulations to the Fire Department.**
3. The Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 9th from 9 AM to 11 AM at the Highway Barn. The Town Clerk will be on hand to issue dog licenses for 2019. – **Noted.**

PATHFINDER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dr. Paist requested that the Board of Selectmen sign a letter of support to move forward with a plumbing program at the school. The school district has a long history of providing programs that results in students graduating with skills to join the workforce. Both members present are in agreement as well as Mr. Richard who reviewed the correspondence prior to his absence. Motion to ratify the letter of support for the Pathfinder Regional School District Plumbing Program made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

APPOINTMENT-ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFYING OFFICER

Motion to re-appoint Rebecca Acerra as the Town of Warren's Environmental Certifying Officer as requested again by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission until June 30, 2019 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi– unanimous.

SENIOR TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The office received an application for the Senior Tax Abatement Program. The submission deadline was December 31, 2018. Mr. Nardi stated that he would like to stick to the deadlines and Mr. Nason stated that whatever decision is made, he'd like the Board to remain consistent. Due to a conflict, Mr. Nason abstained from voting and Mr. Richard didn't have a problem (prior to his absence). In the end, Mr. Nardi agreed but is not in favor of any more applications.

CUSTODIAL POSITION – TABLED

TOWN HALL BOILER

The boiler at the Town Hall has gone down twice in the last two weeks. This has been a topic of discussion and the office received a quote of approximately \$65,000.00 to replace. Additional quotes will be requested. It was the hope that the next round of Green Communities monies, if awarded could go towards offsetting the cost, however, that project does not seem feasible. In addition to the fact that the next round of grant money would be awarded, if successful, not until late summer at best. Mr. Nardi stated that the town could petition the Dept. of Revenue in light of it being an emergency situation and if approved, expend Free Cash. There will be more information to come.

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT

The office received an Open Meeting Law Complaint by an individual. Mr. Nason recommended that Mr. Nardi work with the office on drafting a response to the complainant.

WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 57 & 58 dated January 14, 2019 in the amounts of \$39,003.80 & \$153,845.66 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 59 & 60 dated January 21, 2019 in the amounts of \$33,551.55 and \$76,251.16 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: January 29, 2019 – 7 PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

