

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2019**

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. Marc W. Richard

**ATTENDEES:** See Attached List

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**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. Michael Baril is in attendance and acknowledged his taping of this evening's meeting.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The office received a letter of interest from Rachael Carney requesting permission to be appointed to the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission also provided a letter of recommendation in support of the appointment. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to appoint Rachael Carney to the Conservation Commission made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER-FY 19 AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS**

Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ambulance abatements for FY 19 in the total amount of \$217,496.97 as presented by the Fire Chief made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**CONTRACT AWARD – FOUNTAIN & SONS FUEL CO., INC.**

Motion to award and sign the contracts for Heating Oil #2 and Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel Fuel at .11¢ per gallon over tank car price made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

**HEAL, INC. – FUND ACCOUNT**

Motion to approve the creation of a fund account for the purposes of accepting payment from Heal, Inc. in order to offset the cost of legal fees associated with the Community Host Agreement made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous. (The office received a check today in the amount of \$5,000.00. Any residual funds will be returned back to Heal, Inc. upon completion of the agreement)

**BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP**

Motion to ratify the Vice-Chairman's signature on a reimbursable grant for the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**WARRANTS & INVOICES**

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 61 & 62 dated January 28, 2019 in the amounts of \$51,118.66 & \$784,608.62 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Nardi stated that he has recently provided the office and Finance a copy of his proposed wage classification which is anticipated to be presented to the voters in May. Adjustments were made in order to be equitable. There was a brief discussion and Mr. Nardi offered to attend a Finance Committee meeting in order to discuss further. He (Nardi) also recommended that all departments budget with the new numbers in anticipation of the change. Once the BOS has had an opportunity to meet to discuss, then it will be sent to all departments.

He also stated that he worked on two employment agreements (Accountant & Fire Chief), whose contracts are up for renewal come June 30<sup>th</sup>. He has sent the drafts to each individual for review.

## **7:15 PM – NATIONAL GRID POLE HEARING**

Motion to open the public hearing for National Grid made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

National Grid has petitioned the town to install a new pole located on Cronin Road in Warren (Pole No. 2-2) for the purpose of servicing newly constructed homes on the road. The abutters were notified however none were in attendance. With no further discussion nor opposition to the request, the following motion was made: Motion to close the hearing and approve the petition of National Grid as presented made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 7:19 PM.

## **COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

Mr. Baril questioned the Board if there was any truth behind the rumor that the Police Chief has been terminated. Mr. Nardi stated that the Board and the Chief are currently in talks and his employment with the Town will be determined shortly. He also questioned the status of Officer LaFlower's anticipated appointment as the officer to Quaboag. Mr. Nardi stated that he would have to contact the School District as it is their program and not the town's. Lastly, he asked if there were any agreements in place regarding records requests for calls that go into Rutland. The Town signed an IMA with RRECC for services only and they would be the custodian of the records. He would need to contact them directly for any incidents reports.

Mr. Mongeon questioned an email that he received from Chief Spiewakowski where he was seeking records of past Police Department budgets. This email pertained to the ongoing staffing audit that the Police Department is undergoing. Mr. Nardi stated that the Finance Committee budgets should suffice.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:** February 12, 2019 – 7 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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John Nason, III, Clerk

