

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2019**

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

**ATTENDEES:** See Attached List

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**Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM**

Chairman Richard opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Mr. Michael Baril is in attendance and acknowledged his taping of this evening's meeting.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 12 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The office received the monthly report of CERT/EM for month ending February 2019.- **Noted**
2. Warren Emergency Mgmt. and the Quaboag Regional School district will be sponsoring a severe weather spotter training session, part of the national Weather Service SKYWARN program. The training session will be held at the Quaboag Regional M/H School cafeteria on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. The session is open to the public at no charge. More information can be found on the town's website at [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov). - **Noted**
3. As a reminder, in accordance with the town's general bylaw, Article X, Section 12 (H), it is the duty of each person who owns, possess or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any waste on any sidewalk, street or other public area or on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person. Violations are subject to fines. - **Noted**
4. The National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society and the Student Council are hosting "Quaboag's Got Talent" show on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6 PM. All are encouraged to attend and more information can be found on the town's website at [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov).- **Noted**

**POLICE CHIEF – EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

Motion to ratify a one (1) year agreement for employment with the Town of Warren to expire on June 30, 2020 with salary and benefits to be determined made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**WARRANTS & INVOICES**

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No's. 76 & 77 in the amounts of \$36,306.63 and \$99,010.15 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 131 for FY 17 CDBG Drawn Down to PVPC in the amount of \$6,000.00 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Richard discussed the matter again of the use of the gym at the Municipal Office Building. At the last meeting the Board took a vote to cease all use of the gym due to security concerns. Last winter, the building was found to be unlocked with the heat and lights on, on many occasions. It was discussed that in light of the types of documents that are kept in the offices (i.e., vital records, tax information, social security numbers, etc.) that use will be restricted. An individual did speak with Mr. Richard earlier today and advised him that the Park & Rec along with the school would be hosting a dance scheduled for Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The office had not been made aware of that nor was it approved by the Board. Sadly, the actions of a few

will have an impact on all groups. The Board is hoping that this will be a temporary measure and the gym can be opened again to the residents. Mr. Nardi suggested that they use the schools for the time being.

### **REED STREET WATER ISSUE**

The residents of Reed Street addressed the Board this evening to provide an update as to what the status is. After a review, Mr. Scanlan (Town Planner) advised the residents that funds are not available to the town as the borrower. Neither water district is financially able to commit such a project. Mr. Richard stated that he fully understands the situation, however the Board is hesitant to take on the responsibility. Mrs. Rugani asked if any of the Board members followed up on her January 16<sup>th</sup> email asking that the BOS reach out to Congressman Richard Neal's Office. According to Mrs. Rugani, Congressman Neal's Office stated that there are grant monies available. Steven Berry, also a resident of Reed Street stated that they cannot apply as individuals so he is urging the Board to apply. Mr. Nardi asked the question as to where Rep. Smola and Senator Gobi on this subject. He reached out to Congressman Neal's Office three times and have yet to get a call back. He (Nardi) stated that there would need to be clear support from the Water Districts.

Mr. Corriveau, resident of Crouch Road suggested that the Reed Street residents sue the town as all the Selectboard members are "useless". He (Corriveau) further chastised the Board of Health as this illegal dumping was allowed to happen on their watch back in the 1980's. Mr. Nason agreed with Mr. Corriveau that the Board of Health should have taken a role in making sure this wasn't allowed to happen. Mr. Rugani requested that the Board to put in tracers in their wells to map out the flow of water. Mrs. Rugani consulted a hydro-geologist and said that it is entirely possible that the water is flowing from the dump toward their land.

Concerned resident Peter Krawczyk stated that the Warren Water District (WWD) would like to take over the West Warren Water District, (WWWD) however the WWWD is not in favor. In light of that, the talks have since broke down. Mr. Krawczyk further stated that the WWWD has a cap on their bond and the town, through the Board of Selectmen have a right to request that to be raised. To date, the BOS have not made that request. Mrs. Rugani requested that the BOS schedule regular meetings with both water districts. Mr. Nardi responded saying that we've scheduled meetings with both districts, BOH and Planning Board and the only people that attend are the Reed Street residents. In closing, Mrs. Rugani requested that the office send DEP a letter requesting that testing be done for four (4) consecutive seasons. The office will do so.

### **COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

Mr. Corriveau asked that Mr. Richard abstain from any negotiations by and between the Town of Warren and Chief Spiewakowski. Mr. Richard stated that that would not happen.

Mr. Soltys requested clarification on the agenda item earlier in the evening where the Board ratified a one (1) year employment agreement with the Chief of Police. Mr. Nardi stated that his current contract expires on June 30, 2019 and the Board voted to extend his employment with the town for one year with an expiration date of June 30, 2020. Mr. Nardi will provide a copy of the statute that allows the Board to do so. Mr. Corriveau questioned the emails that he stated Mr. Nardi sent to him regarding the Chief's (Police) employment with the town.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE: MARCH 25, 2019 – FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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John Nason, III, Clerk

