

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2019**

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

ATTENDEES: SEE ATTACHED LIST

Chairman Richard opened the meeting at 7 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Colleen Montague and Michael Baril acknowledged video/audio taping of this meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2019 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Voter registration will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, April 17th from 9 AM to 8 PM in the Town Clerk's Office. Voter registration is being held in anticipation of the annual town election as well as the upcoming town meetings. - **Noted**
2. As a reminder, the Town will host a Candidates Night on **Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 6 PM**. The location has changed and the event will be held in the **gymnasium at the Shepard Municipal Building**. Candidates for election will be present to answer your questions. - **Noted**
3. As an FYI, the Town of Warren has grant funds available for to assist with housing concerns. Some are lead paint removal, foundation repairs, electrical and plumbing repairs and improvements, heating systems, roof repair or replacement, insulation projects, septic system repair or replacement and removal of architectural barriers. For more information, property owners are encouraged to contact PVPC at 413-781-6045 and ask about housing rehab assistance. More information is also on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov. - **Noted**
4. A public hearing will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, April 17th at 6:15 PM in the gymnasium at the Shepard Municipal Building regarding the proposed changes to the Solar By-law. - **Noted**

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR – REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR CH. 90 FUNDS

Motion to approve the request for reimbursement for Chapter 90 funds as presented in the amount of \$266,358.80 (Reed Street, Spring Street and Sarty Road) made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

While in attendance, Mr. Boudreau also advised the Board that Bridge Street is slated to resurfaced, however due to the heavy rains, it has been delayed for several days. He is also in the planning stages of addressing Douglas Road, Old W. Brookfield Road (from bridge to Main Street). In closing, he has requested that residents contact him at 436-7677 and request a road that they would like to see done, however he is asking that it not be on a road that the individual lives on.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS – ACCOUNTANT & FIRE CHIEF

After holding several Executive Session meetings to discuss employment agreements, the following motion was made: Motion to ratify and sign the employment agreements for the Town Accountant and Fire Chief made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous. (The terms of the agreements are for three (3) years each)

ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE – CULTURAL COUNCIL

Motion to approve a one-day liquor license application for the Cultural Council for May 4, 2019 for a Decorate and Sip event being held at the Senior Center made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

FY 2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND STM/ATM WARRANTS

Due to additional information provided late this afternoon by the Solar Advisory Committee, the Board has tabled this item for this evening. A meeting will be posted for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:45 PM in order to finalize and sign the warrants.

WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 78 & 79 dated March 25, 2019 in the amounts of \$36,702.44 & 34,481.51 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 80 & 81 dated April 1, 2019 in the amounts of \$38,499.41 & 686,767.29 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous. (Warrant No. 82 was voided)

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 83 & 84 dated April 8, 2019 in the amounts of \$36,590.97 & 87,758.92 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi –unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No.'s 85 & 86 dated April 15, 2019 in the amounts of \$34,462.13 & \$18,448.11 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign FY 2018 Invoice #3 to PVPC for the Community Assistance Program (Grant #844) in the amount of \$9,364.98 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Tonight's comments from those in attendance centered on the school budget. The school committee has requested in excess of one-million dollars above minimum. The Board of Selectmen have voted to fund them at last year's numbers, which was approximately \$532K. Mr. Nardi once again stressed that voters need to attend the meeting and advised all again that should their number pass, the reality is that the town will need to make cuts. Should the number pass, the Board will recess and possibly continue the meeting.

Mrs. Soltys questioned why there were no figures on several articles on the warrants. Under the law, a dollar amount is not needed, however when known it is always a good practice to include it. Mr. Nardi stated that the numbers were omitted due to the many moving parts at this time. Obviously, a dollar amount and funding source will be in the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

